

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., FL-520 Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes: August 27, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Barbara Wheeler

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD CoC – NOFO has been released, and the application is due November 16. MFHC will be providing training to talk about the grant process prior to an RFA being released. <p>CoC Projects</p> <p>Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Lake County has 41 vouchers for this program. Referrals must go through CAS process, and we will attempt to have everyone dual enrolled with ESG or ESG-CV so they households receive a year of case management. Rental assistance from EHV program is not permanent like Section 8, but is for quite a long time.</p> <p>CARES Act Funding – OurFlorida is the focus, and agencies are encouraged to act as an advocate for those they are assisting.</p> <p>Tomi Steinruck provided an update on the CoC. The CDC Moratorium will be ending due to Supreme Court declaring it is unconstitutional.</p> <p>County Updates – COVID is hitting our agencies hard. MFHC had half their staff out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citrus – Prosperity Citrus event targeted specific zip codes where the income is at poverty level. The event provided information on resources for those attending. • Hernando – Hernando County Health Department is providing a testing site open 7 days a week, and we definitely thank them for that. The Fairgrounds is the location, and it is open from 7am – 7pm. A Hernando County Little Leaguer held a food and blanket drive for the homeless. She gave the items to MFHC to hand out as needed. • Lake –Referrals are being sent for the Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). Some landlords are more inclined to work with this program rental assistance is provided for a longer term. • Sumter – Sumter Committee Meeting has active participation, and services are increasing. The Committee currently meets on the 4th Wednesday, but is considering changing dates. | |
| 6. | Membership Input | <p>The MFHC website is being updated. The information from the Quick Reference Cards is being converted from a PDF document held in the website’s Library, to a “Need Help?” link, where the visitor will be able to click on the county, and then the various categories of assistance to see the information on the providers. Could the website create a link for agencies that would like to be added or provide corrected information?</p> <p>There is a “Care Portal” with MyFLFamilies, it is like Aunt Bertha. MFHC will send out the information Shay provides to the distribution lists.</p> | |
| 7. | Next Meeting Date | The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be September 24, 2021. | |

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| 8. | Adjourn | Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 9:43 a.m. Motion by: Gloria Boone Seconded by: Heather Roberson Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously. | |
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Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

B.E. Thompson, _____

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| Attendance | Members - Organization, Name | | Members Continued |
|------------|---|---|--|
| X | Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes | X | VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera, Jina Thalmann |
| X | Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire | X | Sunshine Health, Cara Meeks, Paula Warner |
| X | Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband | | |
| | Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner | | |
| | Christ Centered Fellowship | | Staff |
| X | Citrus Abuse Shelter Association | X | Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck-MFHC |
| X | Citrus County Housing Division | | |
| | City of Tavares | | Guests |
| | Community Food Bank of Citrus County | | Announced: |
| X | Dawn Center | | J. Jones, Southern Christian Leadership Foundation |
| | Find Feed & Restore, Inc. | | Shanika Figueroa, Hernando Schools, FIT |
| | Lyn Forleo | | Nina Mattei, Dept of Health Hernando |
| | Patrick Foreman | | CareerSource |
| X | Forward Paths | | Pam Jones |
| | Mr. Francis Gladeck | | Paul Tarnowski, LSF |
| X | Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson | | Veda Ramirez, Hernando County HHS |
| | Lake Cares | | Becky Burton, People Helping People |
| | Lake Community Action Agency | | Corinne Montgomery, MyFLFamilies |
| X | Lake County Government | | Andrea Engle, Community Resource Project |
| | Lake County Schools | | Nishika Stafford, United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties |
| | LifeStream Behavioral Center | | Peggy Ray, SVDP – St. Timothy’s Catholic Church |
| X | LSF, Sheri Goodwin | | Jim Yeske, SVDP – St. Francis Cabrini |
| | Morris Realty & Investments, Inc. - Kim Ducharme Levensohn | | |
| X | New Beginnings - Steve Smith | | |
| | Michelle Noriega | | |
| | Real Life Christian Church - Timothy L. McCormack | | |
| X | Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties | | |
| | Salvation Army, The Hernando County | | |
| | Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas, Lorenzo Lockett | | |
| | State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict – Stephen Teaster | | |
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| X | United Way of Citrus County, Stacy Leach | | |
| | United Way of Hernando County, Samantha Beckham | | |