

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

Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Melissa Simmes called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call of members, and guests were invited to announce their attendance.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from the February 25, 2022 CoC Membership meetings were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 2022 meeting. Motion by: B.E. Thompson Seconded by: Barbara Venditto Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	
5.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</p> <p>Motions to brought to the Governing Board from the recent CAS meeting: <i>Organization other than Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc. be allowed to be trained on Homeless Prevention assessments once trained. Two calls weekly will be held to staff assessments and give approval if referrals can be made, while Tomi is working with Paula on the queue to be automatically referred.</i></p> <p>A motion was made to modify 4.5.1 of the CAS Manual to add the following language: <i>A DV participant referred to a local provider who is not available, will then be assessed by the closest locally trained DV Privileged Assessor.</i></p> <p>Performance Update Paula Holtsclaw reported that the March 24 Performance Meeting was rescheduled for March 31. Barbara Wheeler and Paula Holtsclaw discussed grant spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge – United Way of Citrus County overspent administration funds and will require an amendment to move funding to accommodate the amount. • TANF – Spending is above the recommended goal of 75%. Agencies are doing a very good job. • ESG – Supplementals will be needed due to late submissions and items that were discovered late. • CV – Spending has been increasing over the last few months and all subgrantees are working hard. The CAS motion to allow United Way of Lake & Sumter to do homeless prevention assessments will move that process along more quickly. • HUD CoC – United Way of Citrus County did not be apply for a renewal. There will be a discussion during the Performance Committee meeting to discuss how to manage those persons that are currently under case management to keep them in housing. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Name List of the Homeless – the number of households reporting being homeless jumped in both Citrus and Lake Counties. Due to staffing shortage, MFHC is not able to keep up with the number of calls, emails and texts being received. Hernando County has dropped, but that may simply be because of the lack of assessors in the county. Outreach will be focusing in Hernando County to identify those homeless and complete assessments. The biggest challenge in Hernando County is no one is doing assessments other than DV shelter and outreach. Assessments are the responsibility of the entire CoC and no just MFHC. 	
5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>Membership Drive – 2022 members are needed. In order to apply for DCF or HUD grants, agencies must be paid members. Visit www.midfloridahomeless.org in order to complete the membership form, and pay the \$100 dues. All organizations or persons interested in ending homelessness are asked to complete an application to have voting rights.</p> <p>Current Funding</p> <p>DCF Funding – The state has renewed the Challenge, ESG & TANF grants for the next three years without issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP). MFHC will still be issuing an RFP for the next year of the grant. Look for the application to be sent out on or around April 4, and potentially due April 22.</p> <p>ESG-CV – Florida Coalition to End Homelessness advocated that we may have three additional months to spend the CV funding. It has been approved by the Legislature and is in the Governor’s hands. Office on Homelessness has indicated that if it is passed, they would not extend the spending period. This is not the intent of the petition, and they will be advocating for the extension spending period.</p> <p>HUD CoC – 2022 Grant application process has begun. There is a possibility that the RFA application for CoC funds may be at the same time as the DCF application.</p> <p>ARPA-SLFRF funding has been made available to cities and counties. Each local government makes their own plan, and they don’t have to submit the plan to the state. Florida Housing Coalition recommends using the money to develop affordable housing, as well as rental assistance. MFHC is asking to be kept informed about how each community plans to spend their funds. Lake County will receive \$73 million over two years, and affordable housing is one of the priorities.</p> <p>CoC Projects</p> <p>Longitudinal Analysis Report (LSA) was submitted by MFHC on behalf of the CoC, and accepted by HUD. The information will be analyzed and put into HUD’s Annual Homeless Assessment Report.</p>	

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6.	Membership Input	There were no comments.	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be April 22, 2022.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 9:49 a.m. Motion by: B.E. Thompson Seconded by: Barbara Venditto Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Melissa Simmes, _____

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name		Members Continued
X	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes		United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties
X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire		VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera, Jina Thalmann
	Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband	X	Sunshine Health, Cara Meeks, Paula Warner
	Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner		
	Christ Centered Fellowship		
	Citrus Abuse Shelter Association		
	Citrus County Housing Division		
	City of Tavares		Staff
	Community Food Bank of Citrus County	X	Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck-MFHC
X	Dawn Center		
	Find Feed & Restore, Inc.		Guests:
	Lyn Forleo		Britt Swain, DCF
	Patrick Foreman		Corinne Montgomery, DCF
	Forward Paths		Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, Citrus County Schools
	Mr. Francis Gladeck		Jessica Fangio, Mid Florida Community Services
X	Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson		Bryan Wall, Jericho Road Ministries
	Lake Cares		Cheryl Kobus Kerr
	Lake Community Action Agency		Kristin McCall, Kathy Entler, Lake County Schools
	Lake County Government		Veda Ramirez, Hernando County HHS
	Lake County Schools		Sandra Woodard, ELC Nature Coast
X	LifeStream Behavioral Center		Diana Kingree
X	LSF		
	Morris Realty & Investments, Inc. - Kim Ducharme Levensohn		
	New Beginnings - Steve Smith		
	Michelle Noriega		
X	Real Life Christian Church - Timothy L. McCormack		
X	Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties		
	Salvation Army, The Hernando County		
X	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas		
X	Stephen Teaster		
X	United Way of Citrus County		
	United Way of Hernando County, Samantha Beckham		