

# Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Governing Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2022, 10:15 a.m.

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 10:15 a.m.	
2. Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call and announced a quorum was present	
3. Minutes	<p>Minutes from the March 25, 2021 Governing Board meeting were presented.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2022 meeting as presented.  <b>Motion by:</b> B.E. Thompson    <b>Seconded by:</b> Shay-Anne Razaire  <b>Discussion:</b> None  <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.</p>	
4. Standing Committee Items	<p><b>Coordinated Access (CAS) &amp; Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</b>            Barbara Venditto reported on the March CAS meeting. There was a huge turn-out for the CAS workshop with active participation. The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether we submit new priorities for referral process to the CoC and Governing Board, however the actual issue is more of a housing problem and not who is being referred. Housing solutions was the main discussion, and landlord identified housing is needed. If an agency is contacted by a landlord and that agency doesn't have anyone specific to fill a unit, please forward info to the CoC's Housing Specialist as we could comb through the By Name List to find someone who does fit that unit.</p> <p><b>Performance Committee</b>            Barbara Wheeler reported on the spend down for DCF grants. Reminded the Board that the next Performance Committee meeting would be on April 28, 2022.            TANF – All funds will be spent by end of year.            Challenge – we still need to move money around. The biggest challenge has been not being able to hire a case manager. MFHC is still looking to hire someone, but funds have been reallocated to United Way of Citrus and United Way of Lake &amp; Sumter Counties. Additional money may need to be moved in the coming months. Part of what we have been able to do is buy beds for households moving into housing in Lake County for Lake County Government, The Salvation Army and United Way of Lake &amp; Sumter.            ESG – SVDP Cares is still a little behind due to CV spending priorities.            The next Performance Meeting is in person to have a discussion about how to handle United Way of Citrus' case load, and what to do about those housed under CV in case the funding goes away at the end of June. HUD has issued an extension to 2023 but that has not yet been passed down to local agencies. We need to have a plan in place to keep as many people in housing as possible.            More CV money was spent in March than ever before, but we still need to focus on rapid rehousing, and not simply putting people into motels.            HUD CoC – United Way Citrus' RRH program ends July 31, 2022. The program manager is not available as of June 30th. Case management and funding for those housed will be a part of next week's discussion. MFHC</p>	

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		<p>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program transferred from Citrus County Housing will leaving money on the table due to not being able to hire a case manager.</p> <p>By Name List – Hernando County is a priority with Street Outreach and getting people assessed. It is not only up to MFHC to be tracking who is homeless, and the data is as valid as we can make it. We don't have someone who can call to keep things updated.</p> <p>DCF Funding – RFA was released, and is due May 2nd. MFHC held a presentation to go over the grants and how the funding can be used.</p> <p>ARPA/S LFRF – still researching to see what the counties are doing:                  Citrus – will not be doing anything with housing, it will be going to infrastructure                  Sumter – Amber is working to find out                  Lake – B.E. Thompson shared he'd heard some funding will be for housing                  Hernando – nothing known in Hernando</p> <p>Melissa Simmes reminded the Governing Board that the Performance Committee still needs a Chair. Barbara asked for volunteers for the DCF Review Committee. Paul Tarnowski volunteered.</p>	
5.	MFHC Update	<p>County Updates – Tomi Steinruck provided the updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sumter – EFSP Applications are due April 25, 2022. This is for Phase 39 &amp; ARPA, and these go through April 2023.</li> <li>• Hernando – EFSP Applications are due April 26, 2022. United Way of Hernando County has hygiene kits available to any who need them.</li> <li>• Citrus – BASICS United is looking for formal outreach and HMIS training for new volunteers to help people, improve our data quality, and get them document ready for housing referrals.</li> </ul> <p>Lake – Training with Salvation Army, United Way and Hope Center for Homeless Prevention assessments. Lake County is working on EFSP application; Community Legal Services of Mid Florida is hosting an event on rental law in late April and May.</p> <p>Barbara reminded the Board of the Strategic Plan and asked the Board to think about it and decide if it should be revisited and updated. Shay mentioned Ash Wallace working on a strategic plan for the CoC as part of a school project.</p>	
6.	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on May 27, 2022.	
7.	Adjourn	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:03 a.m.  <b>Motion by:</b> B.E. Thompson      <b>Seconded by:</b> Jared Tanner  <b>Discussion:</b> None.  <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Melissa Simmes, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attendance**

**Members - Organization, Name**

**Staff**

- X *President:* Melissa Simmes, Adventist Health System
- X *Vice President:* Barbara Venditto, Dawn Center
  
- X Kim Ducharme Levensohn, Morris Realty & Investments, Inc.
- X B.E. Thompson, LifeStream
- X Timothy L. McCormack, Real Life Christian Church
- X Cara Meeks, WellCare
- Linda Mobley
- X Shay-Anne Razaire, Alan Madden Foundation
- X Steve Smith, New Beginnings
- X Jared Tanner, Century 21 Alliance Realty
- Stephen Teaster, State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict
- X Paul Tarnowski, Lutheran Services Florida
- X Gloria Boone, Lake Community Action Agency

- X Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck - MFHC

**Guests**

- Diana Kingree
- Deb Moody
- Lorenzo Lockett
- Britt Swain

