

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

August 20, 2025 9:00am

By: Paiton Beckner

Our mission: Teaming up to make homelessness rare, non-recurring, and short-lived.

Roll Call – Please sign in the chat for attendance.

Motion to approve minutes: Cedric Cox; John Quirk

Old Business

- 1,428 Total **Households**; 3,705 **Individuals** (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)
- 637 **Households** Literally Homeless; 1,390 **Individuals**
- 736 **Households** At Risk; 2,175 **Individuals**
- **Veterans: 15**
- Referrals sent to providers in July: 65 (including ELC, Griffin Lofts and Jersey Commons)
- 166 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (July)
- 39 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (as of August 8/12/2025)

New Business

- County Delegation Meeting – Bridget attended the meeting on 8/12/2025 (below were Bridget's Asks)
 - Maintain Current FY funding for the Homeless Continuum of Care Staffing Grant
 - Maintain Current FY funding for the recurring base budget Homeless Challenge Grant
 - Make the \$10,000,000 non-recurring Homeless Challenge Grant appropriation in FY 24-25 recurring for unsheltered individuals
 - Pass Legislation that would require state-funded organizations to participate in the CoC Lead Agency Plan
- PIT Count 2026
 - Will take place **January 29th, 2026**
 - Will begin recruiting volunteers in October.
 - Considering having two shifts w/the goal of reaching more individuals
 - Feel free to reach out to Jessica via email for more info - jessica@polkhomeless.org
- Upcoming Conferences
 - Florida Housing Coalition Aug 25-27 Orlando
 - Attending: Bridget

- Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness, Oct 21-23, Orlando
 - Attending: Bridget, Katrina, and Luke
- Open Floor - Next meeting: 9/17/25 (Zoom)
- **Case Conferencing: Stay tuned after the meeting** (no case conferencing)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment: Cedric Cox; John Quirk

Attendance: Katrina, HCPC; Luke Simmons, HCPC; Cathy Golden, HCPC; Jessica Henderson, HCPC; Terri Cram, ACTS; Nancy Hurley, City of Winter Haven; Rory Tornga, Polk for Recovery; Jessica Shapiro, Peace River Center; Julyries K. Perez, Positively U, Inc.; Taylor Thomas, CASL; Cedric Cox, Sr., City of Winter Haven; Maureen McIntire, BayCare Winter Haven Hospital, Center for Behavioral Health; Giffe' Gill, ACTS; Marybeth Moore, BoCC; Jenna Morton, The WAY Center; Ofc Bailey, LPD; Kera Beard, Volunteers of America of Florida; Martha Murphy, Catholic Charities; Stephen Powers, TCHS; Deborah Cozzetti, Talbot House; Heather Riner, Women's Resource Center; Jennifer Olivas, MCSC; Rachel Rose, Gospel, Inc.; Patricia Rivera, Salvation Army Lakeland COH; Rebecca Green, The Salvation Army Lakeland; Brennan Sanders, HCPC; Mike Carrano, The Cosmo Project; Cristina Coulson, TSA Lakeland; Chris Dyer, Heartland for Children; John Quirk, SVDP CARES; Brad Beatty, H4WH; Derek Howell, SVDP CARES; Rose Maghraoui, Carrfour Supportive Housing, Griffin Lofts; Simone Evans, Peace River Center; Captain Larry Davis, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Belinda Davila, THM; Johnna Martinez, GiveWell Community Foundation; Jason Saffels, CFBHN; Daphene Roberts, One More Child; Lori Ingraham, OMC; Nicole Redmond, Lake Wales Care Center; Kelly Carter, HND