

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

November 20, 2024, 9:00am

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

Minutes Approved: Cedric Cox 1st, Deborah Cozzetti

Roll Call – Please sign in the chat for attendance.

Old Business

- 1,161 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)
- 475 Literally Homeless
- 686 At Risk
- Veterans: 48
- Referrals sent to providers in September: 65
- 122 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (October)
- 53 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (November)

New Business

- Post Storm Discussion Red Cross Shelter- Bridget mentioned individuals who were staying at the Red Cross shelter were discharged and no one was aware of this to better prevent these individuals from being in the streets. Bridget will reach out to the Red Cross to discuss improving discharge planning for future shelter operations.
- 24/25 CoC Membership Application- Application was provided, HCPC is moving during the first week of January. All Applications with Checks must be submitted in order to continue to be part of the CoC come 2025.
- 24/25 HMIS – Bridget Poke about how Eccovia our HMIS/ClientTrack system is customized for Polk County and only for Polk County. Bridget understands that some individuals work outside of Polk County, however if your needing Technical assistance please contact Katrina at Katrina@polkhomeless.org. As a CoC we customize our ECOVIA client track to our needs.

o User Fee- Each Organization will have 3 free users for HMIS access, for any additional users it will be \$50 per user, per month. Need to submit the Users and Fees by January 1st 2025.

o ID Card- Katrina can set up ID cards in HMIS for agency who want to have ID cards for the individuals who are using their facility. 1 agency is already working on getting set up. If your interested contact Katrina.

o LSA- Bridget stated “LSA is going on right now, and we have submitted, but we have a lot of clear up to do and that's just based on individuals putting data into the system and we are going to be monitoring monthly on data quality for each organization that has that inputs information”

- CE (offer onsite need to email Katrina to set up)

- Denied HCPC client- Individual has been going to different agency’s stating she is out of money and is in a hotel and needs help getting money for a home, individual is currently Housed with Help from an organization. Bridget Mentioned to look in notes regarding client. Email Bridget for client’s name

- 2025 Point in Time update- Jessica is going to contact the local law enforcement officers to discuss our PIT count for 2025. She has sent out the Survey Monkey to sign up for the Count. Training has to be done by January 15th in order to be apart of PIT. Please contact Jessica at Jessica@polkhomeless.org or Luke at Luke@polkhomeless.org if you have any questions.

- Open Floor - Next meeting: 12/18/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment- Cedric Cox 1st, Sarah Burton 2nd

Attendance: Giffe' Gill acts, Terri Cram Acts, Deborah Cozzetti - Talbot House, Nancy Hurley Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Dev. Office, Brad Beatty Heart for Winter Haven, Cedric Cox, Sr City of Winter Haven, Tabitha Keith Heart for Winter Haven, Kevin McGraw, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Taylor Thomas CASL, Claire Rice BayCare WHH Center for Behavioral Health, Mike Carrano The Cosmo Project, Brianna Shrimplin City of Lakeland, Nicole Redmond Lake Wales Care Center, Rachel Rose, Gospel, Inc., Donna Evanecky-PCSO, Joe Vazquez Lighthouse Ministries, Jose Chavarría - Carrfour supportive housing, Jason Saffels CFBHN, Teresa Maio city of Lakeland, MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, Kera Beard Volunteers of America of Florida, Andrea Anderson Polk for Recovery, Daphene Roberts One More Child, Sarah Burton - The WAY Center, Theresa with SVDP Care, John Quirk - SVDP

CARES, Nicole Cineas Tampa VA, Dr. M. Glynnes Smith, Community Access Support Service, Maria Maldonado THM, William R. Smith II, Unified Initiatives, Rory Tornga Polk For Recovery, Lana Nolan - Catholic Charities, P.J. Brooks, CASL.