

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

April 17, 2024 9:00am

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

Minutes Approved: John Quirk 1st, P.J. Brooks

Roll Call – **Please sign in the chat for attendance.**

Old Business

- Coordinated Entry status:
 - 720 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV)
 - 284 Literally Homeless
 - 436 At Risk
 - 19 Veterans (prevention)
 - Referrals sent to providers in March: 68
 - 59 Total Assessments taken to date for month of April.
 - 117 Total Assessments taken last month. (March)

New Business

- House Bill 1365 Update- Bridget Shared Two video's <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/its-a-law-hb-1365-unauthorized-public-camping-and-public-sleeping/> and https://youtu.be/VOuYw_Oqq6Q?si=60W3SzqMZT1z1QnE , Bridget explained that encampments are not the ideal solution to address the needs of our community. She emphasized the necessity of more low-income and affordable housing for the unhoused population. Bridget urged everyone to continue advocating for the homeless in Polk County and to speak up on their behalf. Its time to call our Congress and Senate Reps.
- Governance Board Update- Bridget said we have great volunteers added on our Governance Board and that they have a meeting in 2 weeks!
- Preparation for **FY 23** CoC grants awards
- Challenge Plus and Challenge Base Plus Update- We were granted a 1-year extension to use up the funds.
- HMIS- Katrina Spoke and said "We are currently in the middle of the HIC/PIT report. These reports will be due April 30th and once these are completed, they will be available on our website polkhomeless.org". Katrina Thanked everyone for their participation and prompt assistance when reaching out to ask everyone to review certain clients or exits or missing data elements. She also stated Once these reports are submitted this will bring this years "reporting season" to an end, encompassing the LSA, SPM, HIC, PIT. Katrina reminded everyone who is a HMIS end user that "it is very important to make sure all their enrollments are up to date. It is the Coalition HMIS Data Quality Plan that all Emergency Shelter enrollments (check in/check outs) should be inputted in the system within 24 hours. For TH and PSH programs are within 3 days, for RRH and Prev programs that is within 24 hours after enrollment/eligibility is established. In line with our commitment to data quality and security, we're in the process of updating our HMIS Security User Agreement. Once finalized, I'll be distributing it to all end users for review and signature." If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to, Katrina@polkhomeless.org.

- Open Registration FHC 37th Affordable Housing Conference
 - **August 26th-28th**
- Open Registration 2024 Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness
 - **Oct 15th -17th**
- Donations- Bridget stated we still have King size bedsheets left if anyone wants them, email Lexis@polkhomeless.org.
- Open Floor - Next meeting: 5/15/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment- John Q 1st and P.J. Brooks 2nd

Attendance-

Cathy Golden/HCP, Captain Larry Davis, PCSO, Jessica Henderson HCP, Martha Murphy Catholic Charities, Annie Gibson, Lena A - Talbot House Ministries, Terri Cram Acts, MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, Giffe Gill ACTS, Mike Carrano - The Cosmo Project, Kera Beard with Volunteers of America of Florida, Cedric Cox, Sr.; City of Winter Haven, Rachel Rose Gospel Inc, Bobby R here from MCSC, Jennifer Cooper BoCC -HND, Captain Kevin McGraw PCSO, Nancy Hurley Polk County HND, Teresa Maio City of Lakeland, Gwinnell Brant PCSO, Chloe Martin, Better Together, Tara Watson Polk Vision, Cristina Coulson The Salvation Army Lakeland, Lana Nolan - CC Lakeland, Jason Saffels CFBHN, Linda Keenan (BOCC), Luke Simmons HCP, Maria Maldonado Talbot House Ministries, Tabitha Keith, H4WH, Johnna Martinez GiveWell Community Foundation, Sarah Burton Women and Youth (WAY) Center Haines City, Rebecca Green The Salvation Army West Polk, Janaya Smith BayCare CBH, Gregory Hawthorne YFA George Harris Runaway and Youth Shelter, Ofc Mendies Winter Haven PD, John Quirk III - SVDP CARES, Diana Woodhead The Salvation Army East Polk, Joe Parker LPD, Scott Eller, CASL, P.J. Brooks CASL, Brad Beatty H4WH, Taylor Thomas Reg MGR CASL, Theresa SVDP Cares, Jose Chavarria Carrfour Supportive Housing, Nicole Cineas VAMC, Tracy Grey Heartland for Children, Daphene Roberts and Lori Ingraham One More Child.