

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

October 16, 2024, 9:00am

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

Minutes Approved: Cedric Cox 1st, Deborah Cozzetti 2nd

Roll Call – Please sign in the chat for attendance.

Old Business

- Coordinated Entry status:
 - 935 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)
 - 354 Literally Homeless
 - 581 At Risk
 - Veterans: 32
 - Referrals sent to providers in September: 83
 - 147 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (September)
 - 49 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (October)

New Business

- Post Storm Discussion- Bridget stated if anyone needs anything such as (Cleaning supplies, Hygiene products, Shampoo, Conditioner, soap, Laundry detergent, Etc.) To let her know so she can send a request from the State. Multiple Organization's (Believers Fellowship of Lakeland, City of Haines City, Heartland for Children, Combee Connections, Salvation Army, Dream Center of Lakeland, Etc) provided after hurricane services for individuals in need of food, water, cleanup, hot meals, personal supplies and more. Heartland for Children ended up serving 415 Families.
- Outreach (Pre/Post Storm)- Prior to the storm Luke and Bridget went to Tri County's new office with the Tri County Path team, Polk Recovery, Mulberry Community Service Center and Talbot house, reaching out to the Encampments and telling the unsheltered individuals its not safe there to stay outside.
- 24/25 CoC Renewal Application- Will be sent out on November 20th, 2024.
- NOFO Update:
 - Oct 21st Emails will be sent to Agency's with the status of the application
 - Oct 30th Applications due to HUD
- HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Amendment No. 2 On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Public Meeting
- 2025 Point in Time update- Still Looking for Volunteers 18+ please contact Jessica at jessica@polkhomeless.org the date will be January 30th. Teams will split into 2

shifts due to the increase of individuals that were noted in PIT 2024 during the night. Still in talks with the timeframe.

- CE (offer onsite need to email Katrina to set up)
- 2024 Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness
- New Dates Nov 12th -14th
- Special Guests – Lake Wales Care Center- Nicole Redmond Spoke about their organization (Lake Wales Residence Only), They help with basic needs(rent, utilities, food, groceries), Job coaching including, ESAL Program free to learn English, 2 thrift stores (Low cost furniture and clothes, if client need clothes they provide a free voucher to the thrift store to shop), Meals on Wheels program, free clinic, Choices pregnancy program, Community Kitchen different churches and organizations that provide meals so anyone who is experiencing homelessness or just wants a meal can get a free meal on Sundays at 12:30pm, They have a community Garden, bicycle ministries, Holiday program box with a full meal and toys for their children(Building set up like a toy store parents pick out the toys they want for their kids and will be able to have them wrapped after chosen to then be given to their kids on Christmas.) provides transitional Housing. Nicole's Contact 863-676-6678 nicolerr.lwcc@gmail.com
- Open Floor - Next meeting: 11/20/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment- Cedric Cox 1st and Deborah Cozzetti 2nd

Giffe Gill, acts, Cedric Cox, Sr.; City of Winter Haven, Brad Beatty, Heart for Winter Haven, Jessica Henderson HCPC, John Quirk - SVDP CARES, Brianna Shrimplin, City of Lakeland, Jason Saffels, CFBHN, Taylor Thomas RM CASL, Mike Carrano - The Cosmo Project, Teresa Maio City of Lakeland, Rachel Rose Gospel, Inc, Claire Rice, BayCare Center for Behavioral Health, Deborah Cozzetti Talbot House, Rory Tornga - Polk for Recovery, Maria Maldonado - Talbot House, MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, Nicole Redmond, Lake Wales Care Center, Cristina Coulson - The Salvation Army Lakeland, Terri Cram Acts, Cheryl – WRC, Shawna Butler, Heartland for Children, Luke – HCPC, Rebecca Green- The Salvation Army Lakeland, Donna Evanecky, PCSO, Sandra Newson, Carrfour Supportive Housing, Andrea Anderson Polk for Recovery, Dr. M. Glynnnes Smith, Community Access Support Services Inc, Mr. William R. Smith, Unified Initiatives Inc., Veteran Owned (USAF Vietnam Era Veteran), Sarah Burton, The WAY Center, Daphene Roberts, One More Child, Kera Beard VOAF, Tara Johnson Hope House, Jennifer Cooper - BoCC, HND, Catholic Charities ~ Martha Murphy, Aisha Wright Help of Fort Meade, Theresa from St. Vincent Depaul, Bobby from MCSC.