

## CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

September 18, 2024, 9:00am

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

Roll Call – Please sign in the chat for attendance.

Minutes Approved- Tracy Grey 1<sup>st</sup>, Cedric Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Old Business

☒ Coordinated Entry status:

☒ 987 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)

☒ 373 Literally Homeless

☒ 614 At Risk

☒ Veterans: 41

☒ Referrals sent to providers in August: 58

☒ 142 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (August)

☒ 71 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (September)

### New Business

- 24/25 CoC Renewal Application
  - o Sept 25th Applications are due by 12:00pm(esnaps)
  - o Sept 30th Applications sent to Governance Board for scoring
  - o Oct 8th Scored Applications due to HCPC
  - o Oct 21st Emails will be sent to Agency's with the status of the application
  - o Oct 30th Applications due to HUD
- Governance Board Scoring Committee Training 9/25/24- Information on HCPC websites
- 2025 Point in Time update- Jessica and Luke are currently working on all the details for the PIT. PIT will be separated into two parts, times and date has not been set at this time. In the

CoC Membership application Each organization must have at least one person to volunteer on the day of the count.

- Housing Focused Outreach Training TBA- Bridget stated “To be announced, currently working on trying to set up an outreach housing focused plan for Polk County, Outreach and Case management will be combined this year.”
- Trauma-informed Training Review- Bridget Mentioned how great the training was and thanked Nelda for doing the training.
- CE (offer onsite need to email Katrina to set up)
- House Bill 1365- DCF has a live website to help the cities and counties plan and monitor encampments. The page is Live and updated daily. Link <https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/homelessness/public-encampments>, Nicole Cineas asked if the sheriff’s office planned to sweep the encampments. Bridget advised that there is no indication that that’s the case.
- Landlord Scam- Jessica reported that she was working with a client to get her into housing, and she gave landlord information, The “landlord” has a south Carolina area code and after looking further into the property the individual did not own the property. The “Landlord” tells individual they cannot look at the property until they pay the application fee and after receiving payment disappears with the money.
- Voting Rights for clients (see attachment)

☐ FSHC Summit Florida Supportive Housing Summit

o September 23th-25th

☐ Open Registration 2024 Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness

o Oct 15th -17th

☐ Special Guests – Andrea Anderson from Polk for Recovery spoke about their organization and who they are. Contact info for Andrea 863-330-2770. Glynnes Smith from Unified Initiatives LLC Spoke about her organization and who they were. Contact for Glynnes is 863=600-6796.

☐ Open Floor – Next meeting: 10/16 /24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment

Attendance- Maria Maldonado - Talbot House Ministries, Giffe' Gill acts, Michael Carrano - The Cosmo Project, Jessica Henderson HCPC, Taylor Thomas CASL Swan Lake, Jennifer – MCSC, Brad Beatty: Heart for Winter Haven, Teresa Maio COL, Andrea Anderson Polk for Recovery, Richard Caron Baycare CBH, Rory Tornga - Polk for Recovery, Jennifer Cooper - Polk County HND, MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, Luke – HCPC, Johnna Martinez, GiveWell Community Foundation, Terri Cram, Acts, Cedric Cox, Sr.; City of Winter Haven, Rebecca Green The Salvation Army Lakeland, Tabitha Keith Heart for Winter Haven, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Bee Gallison Heart for Winter Haven, Martha M Catholic Charities, Chloe Martin Better Together, Adrian Quiles Better Together, Tracy Grey Heartland for Children, Sarah Burton The WAY Center (Women and Youth), Claire Rice BayCare Center for Behavioral Health, Deborah Cozzetti Talbot House, Rachel Rose Gospel Inc, Vernita New Life Outreach, Bobby from MCSC, Shawna Butler Heartland for Children, Nancy Hurley Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development, Daphene Roberts and Lori Ingraham One More Child, Dr. M. Glynnes Smith Community Access Support Services Inc, Mike Smith City of Lakeland, John Quirk III - SVDP CARES, Nicole Cineas , James A Haley VA, William R. Smith II Unified Initiatives LLC, Joe Vazquez Lighthouse Ministries, Monique Myers Heartland for Children, Nicole Redmond Lake Wales Care Center, Rory Tornga/Andrea Anderson with Polk for Recovery, Jason Saffels CFBHN, Kendra va, Nicole Cineas VA.