

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

July 15, 2024 9:00am

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

Minutes Approved: Tracy Grey 1st, Cedric Cox 2nd

Roll Call – Please sign in the chat for attendance.

Old Business

- Coordinated Entry status:
- 989 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)
- 388 Literally Homeless
- 601 At Risk
- Veterans: 36
- Referrals sent to providers in June: 42
- 140 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (June)
- 76 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (July)

New Business

- TPZ17 Grant Awards, Contracts and Training- The RFP was successful, HCPC is actively correcting the contracts with new allocations, new contracts will be sent out by Thursday 07/16/2024. Bridget mentioned DCF has decreased CBP. Training July 25th for billing and documents DCF needs.
- Funding Opportunity, YHDP and Lakeland Electric – Bridget sent out a NOFO for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program, Age requirements us Youth under 24 years. If interested send email to Jessica at Jessica@polkhomeless.org. Deadline is August 29th, 2024. HCPC will be a Collaborative partner and will submit all applications on behalf of the providers. Tracy Grey stated she would prefer not to be the lead but is willing to partner with another agency. Lakeland Electric has a grant for \$1,000, it's for agencies. Due August 18th.
- Grant Pass v. Johnson update / HB 1365- Bridget expressed she is not pleased with the ruling. Arresting individuals for sleeping in the streets is not going to end homelessness. Bridget is asking everyone to send a letter advocating for more funding and services. Bridget mentioned the possibility of Challenge Grant becoming recurring. There was a Discussion Between Bridget, Scott Eller, Maria Cruz, and Deborah Cozzetti regarding the need for Affordable Housing, Vouchers, funding, and the support for the individuals we

serve. Mike with the Cosmo Project asked if he was to get a petition signed and sent if it would help. Bridget stated each person can sign the Letter.

- Call to Action (attached sample letter)
- Governance Board Meeting 8/26/24 9:00 – 11:00 PSC room LTB 1121
- Point in Time- If you want to be a lead, Contact Jessica at Jessica@polkhomeless.org.
- HMIS / SAGE- New section in SAGE called Program Eligibility. There is a 10 minute training video that Katrina highly recommends everyone to watch the video. HMIS Office Hours, is a good way to ask questions and get answers for them. New grants have been added to HMIS. All grants that were ending or have ended are now disabled.
- Encampments/Outreach- 32 Contacts, 23 coordinated entry's, 4 referred out and 2 Housed. July 3rd still people in the camps, most have moved out. In HMIS you can search encampments. Each group can document what they have done so we are working together and not duplicating efforts. Luke will be the lead for HCPC on outreach luke@polkhomeless.org. Send him an e-mail when you find an encampment.
 - Open Registration FHC 37th Affordable Housing Conference
 - August 26th-28th
 - Open Registration FSHC Summit Florida Supportive Housing Summit
 - September 23th-25th
 - Open Registration 2024 Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness
 - Oct 15th -17th

☒ National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day on December 21st, Bridget mentioned how several of our Homeless Individuals have passed away, she would like to do something in memory of them.

☒ Open Floor - Next meeting: 8/21/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment

Attendance: MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, Catholic Charities/ Martha Murphy, Nancy Hurley - Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Dev. Office, Jessica Henderson HCPC, Annie Gibson, Captain Larry Davis, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Lori Ingraham/ One More Child, Taylor Thomas CASL, Cedric Cox, Sr.; City of Winter Haven, Sasha Jackson Tri-County, Brianna Shrimplin, City of Lakeland, Kevin McGraw, PCSO, Diana Woodhead The Salvation Army East Polk, Mike carrano The Cosmo Project, Teresa Maio City of Lakeland, Maria Maldonado - Talbot House Ministries, Deborah Cozzetti Talbot House, Shawn Benson Tri-County Path Program, Gregory Hawthorne, Tabitha Keith- H4WH,

Giffe' Gill, ACTS, Bee Gallison- Heart for Winter Haven, Andrea Anderson Polk for Recovery, Jill Gellibert for Heartland for Children, Diane Durr City of Winter Haven, Brad Beatty: Heart for WH, LaTasha Cohen, CFBHN representing Jason Saffels, Nicole Redmond, Lake Wales Care Center, Greg Hawthorne- YFA George Harris, Priscilla Copeland Heartland for Children, Jovia Dukes YFA-GHYS, Gary Graham Polk for recovery, Monique Myers Heartland for Children, Tracy Grey, Heartland for Children, Maureen McIntire, BayCare, Center for Behavioral Health, Johnna Martinez, GiveWell Community Foundation, John Quirk SVDP CARES, Donna Evanecky PCSO, Office of Mental Health Services, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Nicole Cineas James A Haley VA, Kera Volunteers of America of Florida, Sarah Burton - The WAY Center in Haines City, Joe Vazquez- Lighthouse Ministries, Terri Cram Acts, Jose Chavarria - carrfour supportive housing