

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

May 15, 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: Cedric Cox 1st, Shawna Butler 2nd.

Old Business

Coordinated Entry status:

- 786 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV)
- 314 Literally Homeless
- 472 At Risk
- 23 Veterans (prevention)
- Referrals sent to providers in April: 35
- 125 Total Assessments taken to date for month of April.
- 52 Total Assessments taken last month. (May)

New Business

- CoC Overview- Bridget shared slide presentation on purpose of the Continuum of Care(CoC).
- Homelessness is a Housing Problem (author Gregg Colburn)- Bridget played audio of the book Homelessness is a Housing Problem by Gregg Colburn.
- Call to Action- Bridget spoke to Everyone about how we need to advocate for more affordable housing and how we need to contact the Senators of Polk to discuss to them the need for more affordable housing and discuss impact with HB 1365. Senator Ben Albritton – Albritton.ben.web@flsenate.gov and Senator Colleen Burton- burton.colleen.web@flsenate.gov.
- Monitoring (Desk Top)- Jessica H, explained how they are looking at data from HMIS and getting Providers in Compliance, this is all done on information from HMIS. She will be in touch soon to inform everyone of their organization’s monitoring.
- Swan Landing / Florence- Bridget mentioned how all the units are all leased up. She also mentioned how Griffin Landing is still under construction but will be providing 30 Units. Bridget will provide more information when she has it.

- Universal RFP for State Grants (ESG – Challenge – Challenge Base Plus – TANF) -Bridget stated Adited from the state, currently on the 9th amendment on the contract. Bridget will be working on new contracts, the contract before were 2-3 pages and due to DCF having more requirements will now be about 25 pages.

- PIT/HIC- There was an increase from last year. Went from 700+ to 1300+. Most shelters were showing up as underutilized. Slide show of numbers will be e-mailed to CoC members.

- Governance Board Meeting 5/20/24 9:00 – 11:00 PSC room LTB 1120

- Open Registration FHC 37th Affordable Housing Conference

- August 26th-28th

- Open Registration 2024 Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness

- Oct 15th -17th

- Open Floor - Next meeting: 6/19/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment- Cedric Cox 1st, John Quirk 2nd.

Attendance- Martha Murphy ~ Catholic Charities, Cristina Coulson-The Salvation Army Lakeland, Jessica Henderson HCPC, John Quirk - SVDP CARES, MaryBeth Moore/BoCC, David Conley - SVDP CARES, Jason Saffels, cfbhn, Jennifer Cooper - Polk County HND, Emilie, Brianna Shrimplin, City of Lakeland, Donna Evanecky -Polk County Sheriff's Office, Maria Maldonado - Talbot House Ministries, Cate Igo Polk State College, Cedric Cox, Sr.; City of Winter Haven, Teresa Maio COL, Concerned Lakeland Citizen- The Cosmo Project, Claire Rice, BayCare Center for Behavioral Health, Sasha Jackson TCHS PATH Program, mariasmoker, Taylor Thomas CASL, Marie Smoker Housing and Neighborhood Development, Nancy Hurley Polk County Housing & Neighborhood Development Office, Patricia Rivera The Salvation Army Lakeland, Luke Simmons HCPC, Shawn Benson, Gregory Hawthorne George Harris, Priscilla Copeland HFC, Kim Long Polk Vision, Maureen McIntire, BayCare Winter Haven Hospital, Center for Behavioral Health Annex, Chloe Martin Better Together, Giffe' Gill ACTS, Nicole Redmond Lake Wales Care Center, Kevin McGraw PCSO, Daphene Roberts/Lori Ingraham, One More Child, Svjetlana Nolan - CC Lakeland, Jose Chavarria Carrfour Supportive Housing, Rebecca Green The Salvation Army Lakeland, Monique Myers Heartland for Children, P.J. Brooks CASL, Sarah Burton - The Women and Youth (WAY) Center, Shawna Butler Heartland for Children, Rachel Rose -

Gospel, Inc, Brad Beatty Heart for Winter Haven, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Bridget Kiley- SVdP CARES, Mike Carrano The Cosmo Project, Concerned Lakeland Citizen, Aisha Wright Help of Ft Meade, Katie Sisson SVdP CARES, Lori OMC , Joe Vazquez Lighthouse Ministries, Inc, Priscilla Copeland Heartland for Children, Johnna Martinez GiveWell Community Foundation, Tabitha Keith, H4WH, Kera Beard Volunteers of America of Florida, Lena A - Talbot House, Nicole Cineas VAMC