

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

December 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: Cedric Cox 1st, Tracy Grey 2nd

Old Business

- 1,181 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV, Vet)
- 492 Literally Homeless
- 689 At Risk
- Veterans: 24
- Referrals sent to providers in November: 86
- 101 Total CE Assessments taken last month. (November)
- 75 Total CE Assessments taken to date so far for this month (December)

New Business

- 24/25 CoC Membership Application- Bridget talked about the details of the CoC Membership Application for 2025, Applications are due by the end of January. The application has the new address on it for HCPC. Each organization must have 1 volunteer to participate in the PIT count as a member of the CoC. Payment for Membership Application are accepted by mail, handed in person or ACH, if you want to do ACH please email Cathy at Cathy@polkhomeless.org.

- 24/25 HMIS Invoice-Bridget spoke about the 24/25 HMIS invoices will be sent out, its for licensing on HMIS. Bridget Highly suggests anyone who is a current user in HMIS to join the office hours that Katrina does every second Tuesday of the month.

- o LSA- Katrina spoke about the LSA (Longitudinal System Analysis) A report generated Annually by the CoC's using the HMIS system, using the data used in the system. She explained in detail how this provides HUD with a crucial insight into how people experiencing Homelessness utilize their local service system. This data is then compiled into the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) a 4-part report (LSA, PIT, HIC and

Systems performance Measures) that was submitted to Congress by HUD. These reports are very important because it's sent to congress, which affects funding issued to our County and state. The Importance of the reports is to gather demographics on the Homeless Individuals, their Housing situation, Service utilization patterns and outcomes, creating a comprehensive picture to the Homeless Response System. The main projects covered are Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. The report monitors the utilization to see if the programs are being used to the maximum. Data quality is important. Data reported in the effect is what is reported to the County and state and affects Polk County as a whole.

- 2025 Point in Time update- January 30th is the official date of the PIT, Survey is on our website polkhomeless.org, deadline to apply is January 15th, Jessica stated if you have any questions email her at jessica@polkhomeless.org . There will be 2 shifts and Jessica and Luke is working on Team leads and Teams for PIT.

🗉 Open Floor - Rachel Rose from Gospel Inc mentioned they are having a Candlelight event on 12/21/2024 to honor those who have spent nights on the street and individuals we have lost throughout the year. Julie from Positively U is also doing a Candlelight visual in remembrance of the individuals that are no longer with us. Next meeting: 1/15/25 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment

Attendance: Nancy Hurley, Polk County Housing & Neighborhood Dev, Bee Gallison Heart for Winter Haven, Donna Evanecky, PCSO, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Deborah Cozzetti - Talbot House, Maria Maldonado - Talbot House Ministries, Tabitha Keith, H4WH, Brianna Shrimplin, City of Lakeland, Taylor Thomas RegMgr CASL Swan Lake, Andrea Anderson Polk for Recovery, Rebecca Green, The Salvation Army Lakeland, Giffe' Gill, ACTS, Cedric Cox, City of Winter Haven, Sarah Burton, WAY Center, Claire Rice, BayCare Center for Behavioral Health, Lori Ingraham One More Child (OMC), Nicole Redmond, Lake Wales Care Center, Julyries K. Perez - Positively U, Inc, Teresa Maio City of Lakeland, Tracy Grey, Heartland for Children, Rory Tornga - Polk for Recovery, Rachel Rose, Gospel, Inc, Jessica Henderson HCPC, Luke HCPC, Joshua Hendry, Terri Cram Acts, Jose Chavarria - Carrfour Supportive Housing, Jason Saffels CFBHN, Johnna Martinez GiveWell Community Foundation, Maureen McIntire BayCare WH, Joe Vazquez, Lighthouse Ministries, Daphene Roberts One More Child, Dr. M. Glynnes Smith Community Access Support Services Inc, Patricia Rivera Salvation Army Lakeland, William R. Smith II Community Access Support Services Inc, Brad Beatty Heart for Winter Haven, Martha Murphy Catholic Charities