

HOMELESS COALITION OF POLK COUNTY INC.  
1815 Crystal Lake Dr.  
Lakeland, Fl. 33801

Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday January 30, 2025 at 3pm  
HCPC Conference Room

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

Members Present, Annie Gibson, Cedric Cox, Joshua Hendry, Jane Freeman  
(Excused- Al Kirkland)

Non Members present, Jessica Henderson, Cathy Golden and Executive Director, Bridget Engleman

**Called to Order** by Annie Gibson, President 305pm

Review of July 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Cedric Cox to accept minutes. This was seconded by Annie Gibson.

**Business Old**

- Have new office with 3-year lease. Rent \$3000 monthly

**New Business**

- Client Referral and Housing Date Summary 2024  
Referrals accepted:260  
Rapid Rehousing (RRH) 154  
Prevention 106  
Outcome for Referrals: Accepted :  
Exited into housing : 285 (includes roll over from FY23 and FY24  
Declined referrals: 161  
Actively working in Projects: 193  
Exited to other Housing Destinations: 17
- Government Freeze on Federal Funding – Memo OMB Office  
The above Memo has been rescinded. Purpose of freeze was to stop frivolous spending.
- HB 1365 Housing Bill - There is no public camping. State is requiring us to have a place/shelter for the homeless. It is up to the City and County to decide what they are going to do. Homeless individuals and residents can sue local government's if they don't provide places for them.
- 2024 NOFO AWARD  
FY Planning \$221,857  
FY CE \$147,43  
FY 24 HMIS \$126,520

NOFO Does not have to be done for another 2 years.

- Financial Review  
Board Review 2025 Budget. A motion was made to approve the 2025 budget by Cedric Cox and seconded by Jane Freeman. Passed unanimously.  
Cedric made a motion to give all staff a 15% RAISE across the boards  
Planning grant was increased.
- PIT Count 2025  
We have 152 volunteers, 11 Teams. Some agencies WILL be giving out free haircuts, will have breakfast, and Mission in Winter Haven will let people take showers.
- Upcoming events for 2025 (Diversion Training, Outreach Courses, Case management
- The Board Members reviewed and signed Conflict of Interest form
- Open Discussion: It was discussed to have a board meeting more often than every quarter. It was decided that we would have a Zoom meeting approx. q 6 weeks then meet in person every 12 weeks. Bridget will notify board of meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by Jane Freeman  
HCPC secretary