

CONTIUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

December 20, 2023 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 by: Tracy Grey 1st, Brad Beatty 2nd

Old Business

Coordinated Entry status:

- 630 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV)
- 230 Literally Homeless
- 400 At Risk
- Veterans - 1 Cat 1 (over income) 31 Prevention
- Referrals sent to providers in November: 33
- 193 Total Assessments to date for month of December
- 92 Total Assessments taken last month. (November)

New Business

- Challenge Plus Grant Update- Bridget had signed the contract for the grant on 12/19/2023, we were rewarded \$566,212 out of the \$567,996 we requested. Bridget will meet with everyone who is apart of receiving the challenge Plus. Initiative 1- We must serve 11 families in Rapid Rehousing and 7 in prevention, and for Initiative 2- we must serve 9 families in Rapid Rehousing and 9 in prevention, including the Challenge grant.
- Annual Logistics- CoC meetings will be put back onto Calendar Invites in 2024.
- CoC Meeting Notifications & Membership 2024- Bridget will be sending the CoC meeting notifications to only the individuals on the application itself, if you want others to be on the meetings you can share the meeting link to them. Lexis with HCPC has been handling Membership Application and has been notifying everyone via email who has not paid their dues or submitted a for 2024.
- Voting- No Nay Votes, Motion Passed. HCPC is still the lead organization for Polk.
- Billing- Bridget had met with all the providers regarding new concept of billing with the CAPER reports. The report along with what they are submitting is matching and sent in on time for billing.
- Governance Board – Open Positions- Sheritta stated that they are changing the Governance board for the executive comity, Both CoC members and Community members can be part of it. If anyone is

interested or knows someone who will be a good voice in the community and would like to join, They can email sherrita@polkhomeless.org.

- HMIS – Katrina- HCPC has been screening income for all prevention clients during intake at 50% AMI including the clients Household. If clients are deemed over income, we notify the client that they are over income and do not qualify for any of our agencies at this time. Katrina will be hosting a mandatory outreach training in the end of January of 2024 or the beginning of February. Katrina will be contacting everyone once she has a date, time and Location. January 16th the CAPER report will be available. Katrina will be hosting HMIS Office Hours once a month for any users with the HMIS system, this is for anyone who has questions or concerns about things in HMIS that Katrina can show everyone and so we have a better understanding of everything within the database. If any agency is in need of a translation service for any clients HCPC refers out them, They have free access to this service please email katrina@polkhomeless.org if you are in need of this service.

- PIT – Sherrita- PIT is on 01/25/2024, if you are in need of trainings or anything regarding PIT, please contact sherrita@polkhomeless.org.

- Open Floor- Sheritta spoke about The Youth Homeless Grant HCPC will be applying for, this grant is not for Services or Housing. We are trying to give the youth a coordinated Entry access point. The ages of youth who can qualify for this program is up to 24. Sherrita will need a comity for this grant. The max amount of funds that can be received is \$200,000. Bridget needs a 3 bedroom for a client with the self sufficiency program at HCPC if you find any available 3 bed room housing, please email bridget@polkhomeless.org.

- Holiday Party- Bridget said if anyone is interested, they can come over to our holiday party, HCPC doors will be open all day.

- Next meeting: 01/17/24 (Zoom)

Motion from the Floor Adjournment

Attendance: Giffe' Gill, ACTS, Lena Alkoka - Talbot House Ministries, Maria Maldonado Talbot House Ministries, Cheryl Meade – WRC, Daphene Roberts - One More Child, Tabitha Keith H4WH, MaryBeth Moore/ Polk County, Brad Beatty: H4WH, Kevin McGraw Polk County Sheriff's Office, Brianna Shrimplin City of Lakeland, Tytanya Davis Talbot House Ministries, Katie Sisson St. Vincent de Paul CARES, Cedric Cox, Sr.; Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development, Nancy Hurley, Polk County HND, McClelland Acts, Teresa Maio City of Lakeland, Kendra brown VA, Cristina Coulson The Salvation Army Lakeland, Gwinnell Brant, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Brandi Atkins Heart 4 Winter Haven, Isis LaRose-Better Together, Johnna Martinez GiveWell Community Foundation, Captain Larry Davis Polk County Sheriff's Office, Tracy Grey Heartland for Children, Lori Ingraham - One More Child, Rebecca Green The Salvation Army Lakeland, Rachel Rose Gospel Inc, Crystal Jordan Tri-County Human Services (Path Program), Taylor Thomas CASL, Claire Rice BayCare, Maureen McIntire BayCare Winter Haven Center for Behavioral Health, Jovia dukes, P.J. Brooks CASL.