

CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

November 15, 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: Cedric Cox 1st approval, Taylor Thomas 2nd approval.

Old Business

- Coordinated Entry status:
- 620 Total clients (Literally Homeless, At Risk, DV)
- 204 Literally Homeless
- 416 At Risk
- Veterans - 1 Cat 1 (over income) 38 Prevention
- Referrals sent to providers in October: 27
- 103 Total Assessments to date for month of November
- 203 Total Assessments taken last month. (October)

New Business

- Challenge Plus Grant Update- Bridget said it seems like we may have been awarded the Challenge plus grant, however initiative 1 for reunification of families we requested \$280,459.00, we will be getting \$280,048.00 for 24 families for RRH. Initiative 2 for Vulnerable Population we requested \$280,536.00 we will be getting \$137,549.00 for 14 families for Prevention. Bridget Requested if we could combine for both RRH and Prevention to be on both initiatives to reach required families and Bridget stated she got an email with approval for that request.
- CoC Meeting Notifications & Membership 2024- CoC meeting notifications was sent out through calendar invite per request. Memberships and payments are due by December 31 2023, for 2024.
- State Invoice – Bridget- Bridget stated she will be setting up meetings for each state subrecipients individually. In the interim Cathy Golden will be doing invoices, please send Cathy an email and copy Bridget on the email about the invoices. cathy@polkhomeless.org and bridget@polkhomeless.org.
- Boostlingo- Bridget Announced HCPC new contract with the translation service Boostlingo, Katrina stated it covers 300 languages including American sign language. It's a simple 3-way call with the number we were provided for contact. If anyone is interested in using the service, contact katrina@polkhomeless.org. Free for the CoC members.
- HMIS/LSA – Bridget/Katrina- Bridget stated its important for you to utilize every tab in HMIS. Bridget Spot lighted the tab Services and Enrollment and stated it's important for us to know how many times

we have helped that individual. If a client has received assistance within the last 3 years, they will not be able to come back until at least 1 year has passed. Katrina Explained when you add a note you can scroll down and add a service. Bridget said if you are catching up on your notes and services you can also put a lump sum.

- Referrals / Goals – Katrina- Katrina stated if you need referrals reach out to her through calling or emailing and let her know how many referrals you are needing and for what grant/project. If you are trying to pull the FY 2024 format CAPER or APR or not up to date reports is not available to pull at this time. 2023 format is available to pull.

- PIT – Sherrita- if you have signed up for PIT count and have yet to do training please email sherrita@polkhomeless.org to sign up for training.

- COVID 19 Supplies (due date Nov 20th) Bridget explained all the supplies that were available to put in request for. Anyone who was wanting supplies will have sent an email to lexis@polkhomeless.org.

- HCPC – Interns- Bridget stated we have 2 Chaya and Robin new interns Chaya started Monday and is working of the Self sufficiency program clients. Robin will be starting in the Beginning of December.

- HCPC – AmeriCorps- The Individual will be coming from Tampa to help assist us in the CoC and will hopefully join next month in December.

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w_wcB (the position is listed under Homeless Leadership Academy).

- Open Floor – Tri County / Mulberry Community Center- Marybeth Moore explained that they have a STAR program over there in a jail. They are working on a peer specialist training with the inmates, fatherhood groups working with Heartland for Children. Under the Helping Hands Umbrella. Marybeth mentioned that she and other individuals will be going to an encampment under the overpass 17 on November 17th 2023 to advise the homeless individual that will have to relocate from that area because the County owns that and will be doing construction and cant have then living there. Brad Beatty mentioned that they have built relationships with individuals who live there and if they relocate where are they going if they have to leave in the next few weeks? Marybeth stated she is working on that and will know a time frame before the 20th. Mulberry Community Service and United way have connected and with Food Pantry resources on their website. Brad Beatty stated if anyone is interested in Mental Health for Adults and Youth to contact Heart for Winter Haven, its free with their grant they received. Cathy Spoke about The Poker Run fundraiser for VET's only in the Homeless Coalition of Polk County, she will be attending its at Duckies Dockside in Haines City.

- Next meeting: 12/20/23 (Zoom)

Attendance- Sandra Newson, Carrfour, John Quirk III - SVDP CARES, Rebecca Green The Salvation Army Lakeland Luke Simmons Lighthouse Ministries, Joy Kruppa with Women's Resource Center, Priscilla Copeland Heartland For Children, Hayward Davis with ACTS, Corina Hathaway-ACTS, Tabitha Keith Heart for Winter Haven, Katie Sisson St. Vincent de Paul CARES, Claire Rice Center for Behavioral Health,

Kendra Brown VA, Brad Beatty H4WH, P.J. Brooks CASL, Jason Saffels CFBHN, Aisha Wright Help of Fort Meade Inc, Sarah Burton - WAY Center Haines City, Cate Igo Polk.