

Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc.

Continuum of Care Leadership Council/General Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE OF MEETING: MAY 26, 2022

LOCATION: ZOOM CONFERENCE

TIME STARTED: 9:04 A.M. **TIME ENDED:** 10:48 A.M.

ATTENDANCE			
THOMAS O'CONNOR BRUNO	MARCY ESBJERG	DAVID MILLER	CHRISTA LONGO
DOM ANDERSON	MELISSA GILES	PASTOR TROY PEDERSON	AMANDA WANDER
GREG ARMSTRONG	BEN ORTBERG	LAURA NAUMANN	GUILENE THEODORE
MARYKATE NAGLITSCH	JEFF SKLET	PAULA HOUSE	ROSEANNE SMITHWICK
MARY TRIESEL	LINDA GRAHAM	JEANNE COULTER	ROXANNA TORRE
JASON THOMAS	ANNIE DAVIS	RAENELL SHIRLEY	JENNIFER WATTS
DANIELLE HUSBAND	KAREN SHINALL	GORDANA KRONE	ELIZABETH RHODES
PATRICIA STONE	JULIE HAYES	LISA TYE	KATHY HUNT
TONI ROACH	TRACIE ENTLER	JASON SAFFELS	JOHN PAUL COMAS
KENDRA BROWN	LINDA GRAHAM	KRISTINA LEEK	DAVID GRAY
JENNIFER BUSHER	YANIRA CRESPO	KAYLA MERRICK	BRITTANY STEWART
BILLIE MAJOR	KATHI VANEK	PAULA WARNER	CARISS VILLA
MARIA BOYD	REBECCA SEILS	AMANDA MARKIEWICZ	MARY WHITE
DA'QUAVIA BAILEY	CARLOS BONDOL	ROBERTA PRATT	ANGELIQUE HOFACRE
NATALSHA MARTIN	ALEXIS BOWLING	RUTH REILLY	CHARNEE BUCKLEY

AGENDA	ACTIONS
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Marcy Esbjerg.
INTRODUCTIONS	Introductions/ALL
MINUTES	Approval of Minutes of April 28,2022 Motion to approve by: Greg Armstrong Motion seconded by: Christa Longo No Opposition
HMIS SOFTWARE UPDATE	Thomas O'Connor Bruno: Migration of Well Sky-Service Point to Bit Focus-Clarity end of June. Approximate start date of June 27,2022 with blackout dates for ten days prior June 17, 2022, to June 26, 2022. Trainings will be done live and online. In person trainings will be done at the Pasco County utilities building on forty-one sometime June 15, 16, 17, 2022. Schedule will be sent out. All agencies will need to attend trainings to receive access and licenses.
COC STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING	Marcy Esbjerg: COC has done a series of performance reports, analysis, lead agency review, and Coordinated Entry review to see what is being done right and what needs improvement. A Strategic planning task force has been formed to develop a plan moving forward. Amanda Wander: Two meetings so far working through previous action planned. Next meeting will be to review new priorities and new focus groups. Looking for feedback from people with

	<p>lived experience of homelessness. Will be looking for feedback from all agencies, probably through a survey, to identify highest priorities.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: Need to focus on communication with community and commissioners as what we have accomplished, this needs to be made public.</p> <p>Raenell Shirley: Idea to be equipped with talking points for podcast, radio shows sharing what is being done.</p> <p>Roseanne Smithwick: Going to go and take three minutes at the start of every BOCC meeting at start of September to give a positive message and to try to humanize those that are homeless as fellow brothers and sisters.</p> <p>Angelique Hofacre: Address barriers. Da Vinci has lowered barriers, so they do not lose other residents. Concerns to dissolve agencies because of barriers.</p> <p>Marcy Esbjerg: Create new partnerships not to dissolve old partnerships.</p> <p>Julie Hayes: BOCC idea of affordable housing does not mirror the idea of what the coalition sees as affordable housing.</p> <p>Guilene Theodore: Is there any traction for getting supplements to make up for housing market rates and affordable housing?</p> <p>Marcy Esbjerg: Not currently, but there is the HEART program.</p>
CES UPDATE AND PLANNING	<p>Marcy Esbjerg: Introduce John Paul Comas, Director of Metropolitan Ministries Brigade Outreach in Pasco and Hillsborough and soon to be Pinellas. Mr. Comas will take the lead on revitalizing the Coordinated Entry Committee.</p> <p>John Paul Comas: Goal of committee is to guide the course of CE structure. Meeting will be monthly starting in July. Committee will look at a new assessment tool to take the place of the VISPD, update policy and procedures, evaluate access points, review data monthly and quarterly. Anyone connected in Coordinated Entry please consider joining committee.</p> <p>Amanda Warner: Always a great idea to have people, as a consumer of services or currently actively experiencing homelessness, when looking at a new assessment to become members of committee.</p>
OUTREACH	<p>Marcy Esbjerg: Update from outreach and outreach process.</p> <p>David Miller: Interviews done through a variety of calls, lunches, and meet at camps. Camp hopping with individuals that are on the list check in on needs. Right now, observing increase in new camps through whole county, influx of citizens, new construction code enforcement eradication and trespass warning causing movement to available woods and camps swap locations to avoid trespassing. More visible than before. More living in vehicles, more elderly and other counties coming into Pasco seeking shelter. Need to use due diligence to see who you are speaking with and if they are Pasco County homeless.</p> <p>Marcy Esbjerg: Heard from a commissioner that deputies dropping people off from other counties. Where are they coming from? How do you work to build trust and map out encampments?</p> <p>David Miller: People are playing different counties. Trying to get through the Pasco door. Becoming difficult. Need to meet a lot of them in person to identify true Pasco residents. Try to get clients somewhere else or work on getting needs like IDs to get on feet. Takes time. Map out major areas by square miles and visit each area by square mile.</p> <p>John Paul Comas: Takes time building relationships, not everyone trusts the system, in the past the system has not worked. Need to be honest about process and not promising based off the assessment and continually showing up when we say we are. We offer, we do not force into</p>

	<p>services. What are their needs, IDs meals, clothing, can we resolve, family reunification? Calls for services come in through phone line, individuals, code enforcement, law enforcement and coalition.</p> <p>Julie Hayes: Noticed a lot of movement on East side. Between Zephyrhills and Dade City a lot more transients.</p> <p>Pastor Troy: Concern at last BOCC meeting to stop feeding the homeless due to all the garbage being left behind. Need to be more effective on how we are feeding to eliminate garbage.</p> <p>Marcy Esbjerg: Bigger picture, charitable functions are not bringing us to the point we need to be. There are many people that want to do something, but we need to be driving people to being housed. Might want to consider dropping off garbage bags.</p> <p>Karen Shinall: Best resource for my patients to contact outreach. Numbers were placed in chat for access points.</p>
CES AND BNL	<p>Marcy Esbjerg: Would like to see updates given on BNL on a regular basis.</p> <p>Melissa Giles: Report on current BNL, how BNL is created, how are those on BNL prioritized, how clients are referred, explanation of VISPD and current scores of those on BNL and increase of elders and family with children.</p> <p>Currently there are 320 people on BNL. 194 individuals, 41 adult families=89 individuals and 15 families with minor children=55 individuals. Five of these fifteen families are on the family shelter waitlist. Other ten have no interest in shelter. Creating a guide, in writing to show individuals the process of Coordinated Entry and services available.</p>
FUTURE COC MEETINGS	<p>Marcy Esbjerg: In the future would like to improve coordination of COC general membership and leadership council meetings. Four quarterly leadership meetings and plan now to know when meetings are as well as other eight general COC meetings.</p> <p>Don: Shared screen of operational calendar by month. To give an idea of what it is we can put together and develop calendar with critical information. Comprehensive month by month to be more effective managing what we must do next.</p>
FAMILY SHELTER	<p>Don Anderson: Informed COC that Danielle Husband will be leaving Catholic Charities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating with eight out nine rooms, ninth room being used for storage. Working on a contract between CC and Pasco County for leasing of family shelter eliminating role of coalition. Overall, success is self-evident. Families feel safe and secure and focusing exclusively on housing. <p>Danielle Husband: A lot of expectant mothers and young children. Staff doing a great job. A lot of large households in need of three or more bedrooms. New coordinator starting on June 9, 2022.</p>
ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Pastor Troy Pederson: Two backpack give aways coming up. One at Griffin Park. Opportunity to place people on BNL.</p> <p>Marcy Esbjerg: Can we produce a short flyer that can be used for now to assist in getting the word out.</p> <p>John Paul Comas: Will get Pastor Troy monthly schedule from Metropolitan Ministries locations and if anyone wants to be added to distribution list to send email. Will put together a resource guides that can be put into backpacks.</p>

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AMNext meeting, June 30, 2022