

**LEE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE  
GOVERNANCE BOARD  
Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition  
Nancy Beeson, SalusCare  
Jessica Shamlall for Rosemary Boisvert, SalusCare  
Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers  
Kinga Cook, Advocate  
Connie Myers for Erika Cooks, Lee County Housing Development Corp.  
Daisy Ellis, The Salvation Army  
Becky Madsen, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers  
Kaitlin Major, Delta Family Counseling  
Shaurie Mathews, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers  
Chris Nesheim, Lee Memorial Health System  
Beverly Reed for Sharon Rozier, City of Ft. Myers Community Development  
Matt Visaggio, Lee County Homeless Coalition  
Amy Yearsley, City of Cape Coral Department of Community Development  
Johnnie Terrell, Open Arms Advocacy Foundation

**Staff Present:** Eric Pateidl Sharon McPherson, Administrative Asst.

**ITEM**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Chairperson Kaitlin Major called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., introductions were made. Ms. Chris Nesheim, Lee Memorial Health System, announced she turned in her resignation for April 29, 2016.

**ITEM**

**Approval of November 4, 2015 Minutes**

Ms. Chris Nesheim made the motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Janet Bartos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM**

**Board Membership**

Ms. Kaitlin Major reported on the following Board Membership updates:

Johnnie Terrell is a new member from Open Arms Advocacy Foundation.

Kelsey Evanson, Fort Myers Police Department, is interested, however will be out on maternity leave.

Mr. Robert Vega is waiting for approval from Chain of Command.

A Law Enforcement replacement is needed to fill Jerry Mole's spot, Cape Coral Police Department, he is retiring.

Cody Neally is interested in being on the board. He works through VA outreach and is waiting for a verbal approval.

Dr. Renice Monroe, Lee County School District, is interested and information was forwarded.

If anyone has additional suggestions for Board members, please notify Ms. Major. Ms. Campanale will send a letter to the Fort Myers Police Department for possible Board member.

## **ITEM**

### **Point in Time**

Ms. Janet Bartos reported on the following:

The Homeless Service Date and Veteran's Stand-down was held on January 23, 2016 a large event where there were approximately 421 homeless participants and 325 volunteers. The weather was rainy and chilly, which may have impacted the number of participants in attendance.

The Point in Time is a snap shot of the number of homeless for a given night. Since this is a hidden population, it is hard to get an exact count. Mr. Eric Pateidl and Mr. Juan Albino are working on the time and place surveys and will submit to the Board when complete. Mr. Pateidl reported HUD requires this count every 2 years to acquire the demographics of the homeless. The County receives \$2 million from HUD for CoC funding and it is also used for Grant money.

The final report is not due until April; however, it will be distributed when complete. The State requires one set of standards/numbers and the Federal Government want another. Mr. Pateidl stated he will not know what the Federal Government needs until mid March.

## **ITEM**

### **Zero: 2016 Update**

Ms. Janet Bartos reported on the following:

227 veterans were housed in 2015. December 31, 2015 was the goal for reporting the functional Zero announcement. That timeline was extended to verify the Point in Time numbers and meeting with agencies providing services to Veterans to go over their numbers. A "softer" announcement was suggested due to some states receiving backlashes from numbers they reported. There is a limited amount of resources for homeless. It takes longer for a non-veteran to be housed.

The CoC is working on the chronic homeless, trying to reach zero by December 2016. Mr. Eric Pateidl holds a monthly demographics meeting on ending chronic homelessness the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Lee County Department of Human Services. This meeting covers vulnerability analysis and meets with service providers to collaborate on Zero 2016. The vulnerability analysis prioritizes the most vulnerable individuals in the community to be housed quickly. Anyone providing services are urged to attend this meeting.

## **ITEM**

### **10 Year-Plan to End Homelessness**

Monthly sub-meetings for each of the goals were discussed at the last meeting. An abbreviated goal and provider list was distributed. A leader needs to be assigned for each subcommittee who will organize a group of individuals from the provider list under their goal category. These meetings are to look at the objectives and determine what has been achieved and what still needs to be focused on in the next year to accomplish the goals. These meetings could be conference calls in place of face to face meetings. The first two meetings will be in March and April. The results will be reported at the next CoC meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public Awareness - Ms. Janet Bartos, Homeless Coalition, offered to lead the meeting.

Housing - Ms. Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, offered to lead the meeting

Health Services – Ms. Daisy Ellis or Ms. Heidi Ruster, Salvation Army, to lead this meeting

Transportation - Salvation Army has a subcommittee "Infinity". They are approximately half way through their goals and will help with this meeting as well. Ms. Daisy Ellis or Ms. Heidi Ruster, Salvation Army, to lead this meeting.

Employment Services – Reach out to Mr. Harold White or someone from Goodwill to lead meeting.

Education - Reach out to Dr. Renice Monroe, Lee County School District or someone from Homeless Families

Public Safety – Reach out to someone in Law Enforcement or Corrections to lead meeting.

Supportive Services – Ms. Kaitlyn Major will take lead of this meeting.

New monthly sub-committee meetings for the 10 Year Plan:

- March 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. **Transportation** meeting
- April 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. **Health Services** meeting
- May 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. **CoC** meeting
- May 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. **Housing** meeting

## **ITEM**

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.