

**Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Governing Board Meeting**

November 1, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Arlene Goldberg - Visuality
Barbara Short - CareerSource SWFL
Carolyn Baxter - Goodwill Industries SWFL
Daniel Kruse - Providence Family Life Center
Dr. Tom Felke – Florida Gulf Coast University
Jennifer Nelson - City of Cape Coral
Joseph Rea - Centerstone
Linda Hafner - United Way
Lue Richardson - Veterans Affairs
Maria Auguste - Lee Health
Mary Grubbs - Center for Progress & Excellence
Matt Visaggio - Visaggio & Co.
Robert Tabor - Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Stefanie Ink Edwards - Community Cooperative
Terryn Streets - the Salvation Army
Therese Everly - Lee County Homeless Coalition

Others Present:

**Lee County Human
& Veteran Services**

Staff Present:

Mark Tesoro
Tim Gillmore

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I. Call to Order

Carolyn Johnson, Chair

a. Welcome and Board Roll Call

- Mark Tesoro Reviewed the lists of attendees. He stated there was enough for a quorum.

b. Members Absent with/without Excuse

- Alex Olivares (Catholic Charities) absent with an excuse.
- Carl Baxter (BCW Consulting) absent with an excuse.
- Kim Hustad (Lee County Human and Veteran Services) absent with an excuse.
- Marcia Davis (Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers) absent with an excuse.
- Sharon Rozier (City of Fort Myers Community Development Department) absent with an excuse.
- Sheryl Soukup (Residential Options of Florida - ROOF) absent with an excuse.

Public Comment - None

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes* (September 14, 2022)

Carolyn Johnson, Chair

ACTION: Lue Richardson motioned to approve September 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Jennifer Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Update – CoC Activities Post Hurricane Ian

Mark Tesoro

Lee County Human and Veteran Services engaged in E-Role (Emergency Role-Out) on a County Level, E-Role is a program in which all county employees are activated to participate in different roles during an emergency. For instance, County employees were activated to work on Shelter Duty before & during the hurricane's arrival, at the Disaster Response Centers after the Hurricane, and now currently on Shelter Duty at the North Fort Myers Shelter.

Several organizations like Lee County Human and Veteran Services, Goodwill, St. Vincent De Paul, etc., are located at the Disaster Recovery Center on 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers, FL, aiding with Hurricane Ian Disaster Recovery.

They are currently in the process of preparing activities for the North Fort Myers Shelter, which is for individuals who have become homeless post-disaster. They are working with the

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Homeless Outreach Team to navigate and ramp up the system that is currently in place for those individuals who are homeless pre-disaster to also assist those who are now homeless post-disaster. If someone is pre-disaster homeless, they will continue to use the Coordinated Entry line, which is being handled by the Center for Progress & Excellence (CPE) at the moment. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) are bringing staff on site at Lee County Human and Veteran Services to assist with the Coordinated Entry line for those who are newly homeless. They are trying to ensure that once they have those individuals engaged on answering that line, that they have the capacity to provide those individuals services afterward.

Tim Gillmore has trained 15 new temporary staff to answer that Coordinated Entry line and direct those individuals to the resources needed.

IV. Review the 2022 Consolidated application*

Tim Gillmore/Mark Tesoro

They are in the final steps of applying for funding under HUD's Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity for Unsheltered and Rural Homeless populations, there are no locations that are considered rural on the map that HUD considers Rural so it would be just for the unsheltered.

The Performance Evaluation and Ranking committee went through the process of ranking and selecting projects so what will need to be done today is review and approve the Final Priority Listing by vote, the Planning Grant by vote, and the CoC Application, which would be the application to HUD explain the CoC and the General Plan.

If selected by HUD, they will be given \$1,193,384.00 annually recurring for three years for the CoC Planning Grant, the Youth Rapid Re-Housing Program, and the Lee Scattered Site Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program.

The Planning Grant is the top line of the ranking selection, it will partially be used for training and to build a front facing Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), in which there will be an interface directly with clients and they will be able to access information on their case manager and specific sections of their file to make it easier to get in contact with their case manager, inform them where of they are in the system/process, and the resources available to them.

ACTION: Jennifer Nelson motioned to approve the Priority Listing. Barbara Short seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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ACTION: Jennifer Nelson motioned to approve the Consolidated Application. Marie Auguste seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Lee County Homeless Coalition – General CoC Membership

Therese Everly

The Lee County Homeless Coalition Annual Fundraiser was postponed to December 2nd, 2022.

November is Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month, the National week of Hunger and Homelessness ends November 20th, 2022. They have been selected to be beneficiary of the Inaugural Peace Vision Concert Series that'll be held on November 20th at the amphitheater in Downtown Fort Myers. There will a Silent Art Auction which will benefit the Lee County Homeless Coalition, Harry Chapin Food Bank, and Kimmie's Recovery Zone.

Advocacy:

Lee County Homeless Coalition has met with Congressman Donalds, the CFO's Team from Florida, Secretary Dane Eagle of the Department of Economic Opportunity, and Secretary Simone Marstiller of the Agency for Health Care Administration to speak about how things looked like before Hurricane Ian and what they are seeing currently.

The Alternate Care Site (the Field Hospital) located by sears was put up by FEMA and is managed by a company called CDR. CDR is also managing the public shelter at the old Publix in the Del Tura Plaza. The Alternative Care Site is for the most vulnerable of the population that are experiencing homelessness. Therese Everly has been doing a lot of advocacies around those individuals at that site.

The DCF Secretary called a Legislative Budget Request for an increase in funding to the Homeless Staffing Grant, the Challenge Grant, and to provide funding for the Homeless Housing Assistance Grant.

There looks like there is going to be \$1 Million allocated at the State Level around transparency around HMIS data and outcomes to inform them what CoC Programs are affective and are they creating access. The CoC will report its Data to the Hub and the Hub will disseminate the data.

On December 21st, 2022, is the Candlelight Vigil. If anyone has a name of someone who passed away over the last 12 months due to Homelessness, please get that name over to Therese Everly.

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VI. Adjourn – Next CoC Board Meeting January 11th at 1 p.m.
Carolyn Johnson, Chair

ACTION: Carolyn Johnson Adjourned the meeting.

Item Needing Action*

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