

LEE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE RETREAT
GOVERNANCE BOARD
Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2017

Members Present:

Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Rosemary Boisvert, SalusCare
Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Lois Healy, Affordable Homeownership Foundation
Geoffrey Magon, CASL
Carolyn Norris, Home Ownership Resource Center
Connie Myers, Lee County Housing Dev. Corp.
Beverly Reed, City of Ft. Myers Community Development
Heidi Shoriak, Lee Health
Matt Visaggio, Visaggio & Co.
Amy Yearsley, City of Cape Coral Dept. of Community Develop.
Kim Hustad, Human and Veteran Services
Danyale Kinney, United Way

Staff Present:

Denise Bell, Human and Veteran Services
Robin Jewett, Human and Veteran Services
Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

I. Welcome and Introductions

Matt Visaggio, Board Co-Chair called meeting to order at 10:05 am; introductions were made, and a quorum was verified.

II. Approval of May 10, 2017 Minutes

ACTION:

Motion to approve minutes with 1 correction to formatting: Janet Bartos
2nd: Carolyn Norris
Vote: Approved Unanimously

III. Committee Meetings Update

Janet Bartos provided updates from the joint CoC/Coalition committee meetings.

IV. Election of New Chair & Vice Chair

ACTION:

Matt Visaggio was nominated as Board Chair by Sherri Campanale at the 5/10/2017 meeting; that nomination still stands.
Matt Visaggio nominated Amy Yearsley as Vice Chair
No other nominations received.
Nominations 2nd: Kim Hustad
Vote: Approved Unanimously

V. 2017 Funding Competition Overview

Jeannie Sutton provided update regarding 2017 CoC and ESG funding. Jeannie briefed the Board on the final project ranking and new projects that will be submitted to HUD.

Jeannie also asked the group several questions regarding coordinating with supportive and housing services for youth and healthcare resources. Additional questions/topics from the CoC application were discussed by the CoC Board; group input will be implemented into the 2017 CoC Application.

VI. Governance Charter & Coordinated Assessment Policies Update

Jeannie Sutton advised the board that technical assistance was received for the Coordinated Assessment Policies and Procedures, and additional information needs to be incorporated before the board can review and vote. Jeannie advised that the changes would be made and e-mailed to the board prior to the November meeting, so the procedures could be vote upon then.

Jeannie discussed the minor changes made to the CoC Governance Charter, which included formatting adjustments and adding the new Joint Committees.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the updated Charter: Janet Bartos

2nd: Sherri Campanale

Vote: Approved Unanimously

VII. CoC and ESG Project Performance Review

Denise Bell explained the project performance update that will be forthcoming for each CoC and ESG funded project as the Board requested at the May retreat. Jeannie Sutton explained that there are challenges to obtaining performance measures on a quarterly basis, but she is working with Eric to gather appropriate data.

VIII. Service Referrals

Kim Hustad facilitated a discussion regarding accepting clients into LIFT who have been discharged from other long-term programs such as rapid re-housing. The Board agreed that clients could be accepted for assistance through LIFT if they met certain exceptions such as: extreme rent increases, death or medical issues in the household that significantly changed household income; or if client is participating in training or work readiness programs. Kim will draft additional policies for the LIFT program to ensure the exceptions are specifically listed.

The group also discussed the causes of clients returning to homelessness after exiting our programs, including lack of affordable housing. Lois Healy suggested we look at other community models to determine if we should adjust our system to reduce reoccurrences of homelessness. Jeannie Sutton explained the Built for Zero Initiative and the storyboard/change idea concepts that BFZ has that could assist in making changes to the system. Lois suggested that Jeannie reach out to BFZ regarding the practices of Salt Lake City. Jeannie will speak with the BFZ representative and report to the Board.

IX. Tiny Houses

Matt Visaggio facilitated a conversation about tiny houses as a solution to homelessness and/or the affordable housing crisis. Amy Yearsley provided a brief explanation of the tiny house discussion, which is taking place in Cape Coral, and explained that she is currently in the process of updating the City's zoning. Matt stated that he would be presenting more information about tiny houses to Lee County's Affordable Housing Committee. Lois Healy stated she should share her completed tiny house plans with Matt. Further investigation on ways to implement tiny houses as an affordable housing option is needed.

X. Adjourn – 11:57 am

Matt Visaggio, Board Chair