

**Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020, 9:00 A.M.
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Myra Fiory, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Kimberly Anderson, Lee Health
Catherine Lamberg – Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Adina Bridges, Centerstone
Fred Richards, Goodwill
Linda Hafner, United Way
Danyale Kinney, New Beginnings
Sheryl Soukup, Residential Options of Florida
Fred Richards, Goodwill
Daleen O’Dell, Advocate
Lue Richardson, Veterans Affairs
Keith Campbell, Celedon Recovery
Daniel Kruse, Providence Family Life Center
Jennifer Nelson, City of Cape Coral
Joe Paterno, Career Source

Staff Present: Jeannie Sutton, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Mark Tesoro, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Kim Hustad, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Tim Gillmore, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Roger Mercado, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Carly Rizzuto, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Shannon Hall, Lee County Human & Veteran Services

Others Present: Matt Visaggio, Visaggio and Company
Allan Nicholson – St. Matthews House
Brian Roskamp – Community Assisted and Supported Living
Erin Broussard – HOPE Clubhouse
Sheila Dorsey, Jewish Family and Children’s Services

I. Call to Order – 9:05 am

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

a. Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Nelson was absent, Keith Campbell was unable to unmute. Jeannie Sutton reviewed list of attendees, and introduced new members, to be voted on by CoC General Membership at the next Coalition meeting, Elenia Cooke and Jerod Murphy.

b. Members Absent with and without excuse

Jennifer Nelson, Lisa Vougt – absent without excuse

Public Comment – Public comment was requested, none made.

II. HOT Team and Other Updates

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Roger provided updates on HVS initiatives.

- HOT Team will be training for HMIS, half were trained last week, the remaining group will be training next week.
- Centennial Park outreach effort – connected individuals to Triage and Rescue mission. Worked with United Way for ID's, and other resources.
- Homeless Impact Survey (Survey 123) – Smart phone application used to observe/survey those who are experiencing homelessness. Used to assist in targeting outreach and services to locations where persons who are homeless are located. Collects basic information including estimated age, gender, and location.
 - 351 surveys completed in September – 425 individuals and 1 minor identified.
 - 185 surveys completed in October – 280 individuals and 1 minor identified.Plan to conduct the last Wednesday of each month, the next Impact Day will be November 25, 2020.
- Homeless Services Center – working with TSA to open service center to provide resources and connections to housing for persons who are homeless. Will be open 6 days per week, and include access to Behavioral Health and other resources. Anticipated opening date is

III. Funding Updates and Housing Surge Plan

Jeannie Sutton & Mark Tesoro

Grant agreements received from HUD for Continuum of Care funding. Those agreements are being routed for signature. Contracts with agencies are being executed simultaneously. Grant amendment for State ESG Cares funds is also being routed for signature. Grant agreements for federal ESG funding should arrive shortly.

Jeannie and Mark provided an update on the Housing Surge Plan, and presented the new format, goals and plan of action for the housing surge. The goal is to house 100 households within 100 days, beginning December 1, 2020.

IV. Homeless Survey 123

Roger Mercado

Update provided in previous section.

V. Agency Updates

Janet Bartos provided updates from the Homeless Coalition. The Candlelight Vigil will be held December 21, 2020, on the Old Courthouse Steps.

Sheila Dorsey provided updates for Jewish Family and Children's Services. Richard McDaniel will be manager of services, and the agency has procured office space in Lee County.

Jeannie Sutton requested that members refer persons with lived experience to become Governing Board members.

VI. Adjourn – 10:20 am

Jeannie Sutton

***Item Needing Action**

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For translation services or additional information, please contact: Jeannie Sutton, Lee County Human and Veteran Services at 239-533-7958.

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