

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Governing Board Meeting

April 10, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

Lee County Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson St., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Members Present: Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Rosemary Boisvert, SalusCare
Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Danyale Kinney, United Way
Daniel Kruse, Providence Family Life Center
Daleen O'Dell, Advocate
Fred Richards, Goodwill SWFL
Sharon Rozier, City of Fort Myers
Heidi Shoriak, Lee Health
Matthew Stiglic, Elite DNA
Matt Visaggio, Visaggio & Co.
Charity Williams, Beyond Barriers

Staff Present: Tim Gillmore, Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Jeannie Sutton, Lee County Human and Veteran Services

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 10:33 am, and introductions were made.
- b. Members Absent with and without excuse:
 - i. Joaquin and Charlie Pereira – excused
 - ii. Christine Lincoln – excused
 - iii. Kim Hustad – unexcused
- c. Member resignations

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. **January 25, 2019**
Motion: Janet
Second: Heidi
Approved Unanimously
- b. **February 8, 2019**
Motion: Janet
Second: Tim
Approved Unanimously
- c. **February 13, 2019**
Motion: Heidi
Second: Tim
Approved Unanimously
- d. **February 19, 2019**
Motion: Sherri
Second: Matt
Approved Unanimously

III. Review and Approval of the 2019 to 2028 CoC Strategic Plan*

Janet Bartos discussed the public outreach initiative for the CoC Strategic Plan, including her consultations with the Lee County BoCC and the City of Fort Myers. Janet also provided input on the plan, a correction was made to reflect that NAMI provides regular CIT training for Law Enforcement. The group discussed other gaps in public safety, including lack of re-entry beds and releases from jail

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into homelessness. Matt designed a new brochure for the Coalition to ensure consistent messaging regarding homelessness becoming rare, brief, and one-time. Jeannie Sutton provided an update regarding the BoCC and County Admin regarding signing a letter of support for the CoC Plan. Janet advised the group that there are already several actions beginning to take place to work toward the goals in the plan.

Sharon Rozier mentioned the need for the Board to remain informed about programs and things that are taking place in pursuit of the goals in the plan. Jeannie provided an update regarding a new reporting platform and shared workspace for CoC stakeholders to login, enter accomplishments, and view best practices. Janet, Heidi, and Sharon discussed the need to engage the faith based community and individual advocates who are providing services to persons who are homeless and working to engage them in the CoC, and have them report towards the goals in the plan.

The Board discussed the goals to reduce the number of persons who are homeless and the number of persons who become homeless for the first time. The Board agreed to set a goal of reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time by 20% per year. The Board also set a goal to improve the PIT count methodology in the first year of the plan, and set goals to decrease the number of persons who are homeless in subsequent years of the plan.

Sharon Rozier held a vote to approve the CoC Strategic Plan, with amendments discussed during the meeting.

Motion: Janet

Second: Rosemary

Approved: Unanimously

IV. CoC Written Standards and Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures Update

Jeannie Sutton advised the Board that the Written Standards and Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures will be updated throughout the next year after the System Design Clinic and the completion of the Coordinated Entry changes taking place as a result of the HMIS NOFA.

V. System Design Clinic – May 6 and 7, 2019

Jeannie Sutton and Janet Bartos provided an update regarding the System Design Clinic. Both requested that provider and consumer surveys be complete before the end of the week. The Board was encouraged to invite leadership from their organization and from the community to attend the leadership session on May 6. The May 7, 2019 session is specifically for CoC Governance and all Board members should attend. Heidi requested that the flyer should be updated to make it clear that community leaders should attend, and suggested that leadership from Healthy Lee should be invited.

VI. DCF and HMIS Grant Funding Competition Update

Jeannie Sutton advised the Board that the DCF funding application awards should be announced on April 29, 2019. The HMIS phase 2 application is being reviewed by HUD; awards are anticipated in August.

VII. CoC Planning Grant and Funding Competition Update

Jeannie advised the group of the status of current planning grant funds, and anticipates a surplus of funds for the 2017 planning grant. Jeannie requested the Board provide ideas regarding uses for the 2019 Planning Grant. Janet suggested purchasing equipment to assist with Coordinated Entry. Jeannie will review the application and regulations to see if this is eligible. The group agreed to continue

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funding the Coordinated Entry Specialist.

VIII. Adjourn

Sharon Rozier accepted a motion to adjourn from Sherri at 11:41 am. The motion was seconded by Tim, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2019

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