

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Governing Board Meeting
October 6, 2021, 10:00 A.M.
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Therese Everly, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Marie Auguste, Lee Health
Robert Tabor – Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Adina Bridges, Centerstone
Danyale Kinney, New Beginnings
Sheryl Soukup, Residential Options of Florida
Lue Richardson, Veterans Affairs
Daniel Kruse, Providence Family Life Center
Jennifer Nelson, City of Cape Coral
Barbara Short, Career Source of SW FL
Linda Hafner, United Way
Eduardo Gloria, Catholic Charities
Carolyn Johnson, Goodwill
Terry Street, Salvation Army
Matt Visaggio – Visaggio and Co.
Barbara Short – Career Source Southwest Florida

Staff Present: Jeannie Sutton, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Roger Mercado, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Mark Tesoro, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Kim Hustad, Lee County Human & Veteran Services

Others Present: Karen Hawes – Past County Commissioner/Dir. Human & Veteran Services
Stephanie Ink Edwards– Community Cooperative

I. Call to Order – 10:06 am

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

- a. Welcome and Introductions
Mark Tesoro reviewed list of attendees
- b. Members Absent with and without excuse- None noted

Public Comment - None noted

II. Approval of August, September*

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

No quorum from the previous meeting (Sept.) to approve August meeting minutes, so tabled to October meeting. Approval of August and September meeting minutes came at the end of the meeting with Robert Tabor making a motion to approve both minutes without correction; seconded by Matt Visaggio.

III. Introduction of New Board Members – Barbara Short and Marie Auguste

Mark Tesoro

Two new individuals will be finishing out the term of other current board members. Barbara Short will be finishing out the term of Joe Paterno for Career Source of SW FL and Marie Auguste will be finishing out the term for Kim Anderson for Lee Health. Motion to approve new members made by Lue Richardson, motion seconded by Sheryl Soukup and approved unanimously without discussion.

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IV. Lee County Homeless Coalition – General CoC membership

Therese Everly

Review of activities of Homeless Coalition. Donation of clothing items have been coming in and distributed. Updates on the Greenbook is occurring so that we have up to date information available on resources. PERC committee ranked NOFA applications and provided their recommendations to HVS staff to present today at the CoC Governing Board.

V. Conditional Selection of 2021 CoC Funding Project Applications*

Mark Tesoro

The ranking tool and scores for each application by the PERC were reviewed. A summary table of the rankings that placed applications into Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications and associated dollar amounts based on PERC rankings was discussed. 9 Renewal projects and 3 Bonus projects were placed into Tier 1 and 3 New projects were placed into Tier 2. One application (St. Vincent D’Paul) had applications that straddled both Tier 1 and Tier 2. An explanation of that process was discussed with the Board. A motion was made by Linda Hafner to approve the recommended rankings, seconded by Carolyn Johnson. The board unanimously approved PERC recommendations without further discussion.

VI. Consultation Regarding the HOME American Rescue Plan Funds

Clare Dennehy

Jeannie Sutton presented the item in Clare Dennehy’s absence. American Rescue Plan Funds will be administered through HUD’s HOME investment partnership in the form of HOME APR Grants. Lee County is expected to receive approximately \$150 million dollars of funding that can be available for projects such as affordable housing, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, homeless prevention services and development of non-congregate sheltering. A community survey has been distributed by the county for public input as to where the most need exists. This funding would need to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026.

VII. Adjourn

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

Board Chair thanks the CoC Board for their participation and asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carolyn Johnson moves to adjourn, Linda Hafner seconds and meeting adjourns at 11:33 a.m. Reminder of next CoC Governing Board meeting to be held on November, 10th at 1 p.m.

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