

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

November 10, 2021, 1:00 P.M.
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Virtual Meeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/214295797>

Members Present:

Alex Olivares Catholic Charities
Barbara Short CareerSource SWFL
Daniel Kruse Providence Family Life Center
Danyale Kinney The New Beginnings of SWFL
Jennifer Nelson City of Cape Coral
Kim Hustad Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Linda Hafner United Way
Lee Fox Centerstone of Florida
Lue Richardson Veterans Affairs
Marcia Davis Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Maria Auguste Lee Health
Matt Visaggio Visaggio and Co.
Robert Tabor Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN)
Tara Martinson Centerstone of Florida
Terryn Streets The Salvation Army
Therese Everly Lee County Homeless Coalition
Tom Felke Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)

Others Present:

**Lee County Human
and Veteran Services**

Staff Present:

Jeannie Sutton
Mark Tesoro
Roger Mercado

I. Call to Order

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

a. Welcome and Board Roll Call

- Therese Everly reviewed the list of attendees.

b. Members Absent with/without Excuse

- Carolyn Johnson Goodwill Industries SWFL absent without an excuse
- Jerod Murphy Advocate absent without an excuse
- Sharon Rozier City of Fort Myers Community Development Department absent without an excuse
- Sheryl Soukup Residential Options of Florida (ROOF) absent without an excuse

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Public Comment- None

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes*(October)

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

ACTION: Alex Olivares made the motion to approve meeting minutes. Tara Martinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Introduce New Board Member* –

Mark Tesoro

- a. Karen Hawes (Previous Lee County Manager/Previous Dir., Human and Veteran Services)
- b. Adina Bridges (Park Royal/Acadia Healthcare)
- c. Stefanie Ink Edwards (Dir., Community Cooperative)
- d. Carl Baxter (BCW Enterprise and Consulting)

ACTION: Therese Everly made the motion to approve the four new Board Members. Linda Hafner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Lee County Homeless Coalition – General CoC Membership

Therese Everly

They were recognized with the resolution by the Board of County Commissioners on November 2, regarding Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month.

On December 21st they will have their 25th annual Homeless Vigil on the courthouse steps. They are looking to build awareness of the individuals that have passed away last year.

They continue to grow their membership with new members coming onboard. They are growing a wish list of needs that their partner agencies need. They're getting leads every day from generous donors in the community that want to fill those gaps.

They are focused on their big event Homeless Services Day and Veteran Standdown to take place January 29th. They are trying to do something new this year by partnering with Lee County Clerk of Courts and Lee County Tax Collectors office to bring Amnesty Traffic Court for Veterans and Homeless to be able to get their drivers licenses reinstated.

They are working on streamlining a process for their Data Committee, doing the monthly work within the General Continuum of Care (CoC), reporting up to the Performance Evaluation Ranking Committee (PERC) then goes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governing Board for the decision making.

Their Resource Committee continues to build and update their green booklet and working towards a landlord initiative.

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V. Conditional Approval of the 2021 Lee County CoC Collaborative Application*

Mark Tesoro

They put out a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) mid-August. There was an application that applicants received from their offices, from different providers, that was due on September 10th. Their Performance Evaluation Ranking Committee (PERC) met to review the applications, rank them, and then provided recommendations to this Board early October.

The Board voted to approve their recommendations with a few applications that were ranked and prioritized. They are at the stage, where they are ready to submit what is referred to as, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Application. It's a document they provide The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where they score and rank them in terms of activity, performance and engagement with their clients and the Community. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide the Continuum of Care (CoC) a score based on that application. Based on that application, will provide them the amount of funds based on that score they receive.

ACTION: Tom Felke made the motion to approve the application and the process. Carl Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn - Next CoC Board Meeting January 26th at 1 p.m.

Jennifer Nelson, Chair

ACTION: Carl Baxter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

***Item Needing Action**

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