

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC) Governing Board
Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes

January 25, 2019, 2:00 P.M.

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

Members Present: Kim Anderson, Lee Health
Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Rosemary Boisvert, SalusCare
Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Jocey Henderson, JFCS
Kim Hustad, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Christine Lincoln, Community Cooperative
Fred Richards, Goodwill Industries of SWFL
Sharon Rozier, City of Fort Myers

Staff Present: Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm, and introductions were made.

II. Discussion of Strategic Plan Goals and Action Steps

Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

- a. Ms. Sutton asked the group to provide input regarding the new strategic plan goals.

i. All goals and action steps are based on USICH's *Home, Together* plan.

- b. The following action steps were discussed:

- i. Build whole-community momentum behind the common vision that Homelessness in Lee County can and should be rare, brief and one-time through increased community outreach and awareness campaigns.
- ii. Increase coordination between Lee County departments, local service providers, mainstream assistance agencies, and state and federal offices to eliminate service silos.
- iii. Understand and enumerate the size and scope of homelessness in Lee County by streamlining the Coordinated Entry System to ensure all access points are using the standard assessment to add all individuals and families who are homeless to the by-name list.
- iv. Understand and enumerate the size and scope of the problem by improving the unsheltered point in time count, and including youth, families, LGBTQI+ individuals, and other subpopulations in the planning process.
- v. Maintain the strength of the homeless service system by encouraging open sharing of information and uniform guidelines for assistance programs.
- vi. Use data, evaluation, performance measurement and research to guide system design, planning, and project funding.
- vii. Develop and, update annually, a comprehensive gaps analysis, which identifies gaps in specific housing types, services for each subpopulation, and funding.

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- viii. Advocate for community-wide policies and practices that support the development of safe and affordable housing.
 - ix. Create and support initiatives to increase the availability of, and successful linkages to, necessary health, behavioral health, education, employment, childcare and legal assistance programs.
 - x. Implement a collaborative to compare data from across systems and identify solutions for persons who have high service needs and frequently access multiple service systems.
 - xi. Use data to identify risk factors for homelessness and educate the design of homelessness prevention programs that target resources to the most vulnerable, and include supportive services to avoid housing crisis.
- c. Ms. Sutton discussed making the plan available to the General Coalition membership, City Councils and Boards. Ms. Bartos will be presenting the draft plan to the public and elected officials for support.

III. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Next Meeting: February 8, 2019

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