

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC) Governing Board
Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes
January 8, 2019, 1:00 P.M.
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson St.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Members Present: Janet Bartos, Lee County Homeless Coalition
Daleen O'Dell, Advocate
Rosemary Boisvert SalusCare – via Telephone
Sherri Campanale, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Kim Hustad, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Diana Jones, Lee County Housing Authority
Fred Richards, Goodwill Industries of SWFL
Sharon Rozier, City of Fort Myers
Heidi Shoriak, Lee Health
Charity Williams, Beyond Barriers
Carolyn Norris, Home Ownership Resource Center

Others Present: Dottie Pacharis, Hope Clubhouse

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

I. Call to Order

Sharon Rozier, Board Chair

- a. Ms. Rozier called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm, introductions were made.
- b. Ms. Rozier advised the group that the meeting would be in an informal workshop format, and that Board member attendance would not be recorded.

II. DCF and HMIS Funding Applications and Performance and Ranking Committee

Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

- a. Ms. Sutton provided information regarding the upcoming Department of Children and Families (DCF) funding application cycle. She advised the Board of proposed projects that will be included in the application to DCF, and the priorities that will be focused on in the local application process. The local application process will be a unified funding application; similar to the one DCF is using, but will also include CoC funding. Ms. Sutton anticipates that the Request for Applications will be sent out in late January or early February.
- b. Ms. Sutton advised the group that she will be completing the application for the 2017 HMIS Capacity Building Project. The application is due January 31, 2019 and if funded will allow for improvements to HMIS.

III. Discussion of Updates and Recommendations

Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

- a. Ms. Sutton asked the group to provide input regarding the new strategic plan.
 - i. Ms. Daleen O'Dell provided an overview of Assisted Outpatient Treatment/Involuntary Outpatient Treatment. She provided handouts and information regarding program success in other parts of the U.S.. The group decided to make a goal of researching the existing needs, potential funding opportunities, potential cost savings, and resources available to implement AOT/IOT in Lee County.
 - ii. Discussion was held regarding Diversion practices, and three goals were established.

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iii. Discussion was held regarding the need for additional emergency shelter and permanent housing resources for specific populations, especially those who are medically fragile or elderly. The group set a goal to add 150 beds in the next 5 years.

iv. A brief discussion was held regarding the SHIFTS program in Sarasota. Ms. Sutton added a goal to research and implement a similar program in Lee County.

b. Ms. Sutton discussed making the plan available to the General Coalition membership, providing a public comment period, and presenting the plan to the BoCC and City Councils. The Board agreed all should be done. Ms. Sutton will work with Ms. Bartos to determine the logistics for these items.

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting: February 13, 2019

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