

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

February 19, 2019, 1:00 P.M.
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson St.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Members Present: Jocey Henderson, JFCS
Kim Hustad, Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Christine Lincoln, Community Cooperative
Daleen O'Dell, Advocate
Heidi Shoriak, Lee Health

Staff Present: Robin Jewett, Human and Veteran Services
Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

II. Discussion of Strategic Plan Goals and Action Steps

Jeannie Sutton, Human and Veteran Services

- a. The following action steps were discussed:

- i. Advocate for and support the development of permanent housing facilities and assistance programs.
- ii. Use data to inform planning and funding decisions that create new housing programs, to ensure an adequate stock of various types of housing suitable for the needs of individuals and families who are homeless.
- iii. Encourage housing providers to openly share program information and adopt uniform guidelines that ensure individuals and families are provided appropriate and person-centered services as quickly as possible.
- iv. Implement a Risk Mitigation Fund and identify ongoing funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability
- v. Prevent returns to homelessness through connections to adequate services and opportunities.
- vi. Develop service solutions that are focused on building community based support networks and increasing economic mobility.
- vii. Implement and monitor a move-on strategy with affordable housing providers, including the Public Housing Authority, Low Income Tax Credit development, multifamily assisted housing owners, and other local low-income housing programs.
- viii. Implement shared housing programs/resources for individuals who are living in places not meant for human habitation with companions, to encourage social networks in housing.
- ix. Ensure homeless assistance providers make appropriate connections and soft-hand offs to supportive services and mainstream benefits to promote housing stability.

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- x. Identify and promote best practices and innovative approaches to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time.
- xi. Review and regularly communicate system performance metrics to stakeholders.

III. Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2019

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