

**Commission on Homelessness for Volusia and Flagler Counties
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Friday, April 29, 2016

Public Health Department, 1845 Holsonback Dr., Daytona Beach, Room: 516A

Board in attendance: Sam Willett, Dr. Barbosa, Amanda Nixon, Mark Geallis, Edward Davis Jr., Carl Falconer, Shannon McLeish, Ray Salazar, Robin King, Pastor Hautz, Jim Cameron; **Absent:** Camren Hall, Judge Beck, Jim Rose, Janet Hamer, Dru Driscoll, Sgt. Schlipper, Sgt. Lutz, Anthony Woods, Michael Boyd, Candice Wilkie, Susan Clark, Bonnie Metz, Pastor Silano, Saralee Morrissey; **Collaborative Applicant:** Jeff White; **Public in attendance:** Jack White, Phil E. Gitto, Tony Deobil, Mike Cornell, Nancy Epps, Judith Milcarsky, Amanda Rosado, Tanna Gartside, Shirley King, Anna Paulis, Roger Patterson, Jessica Robillard, Freddie Wilson, Josh Leclair, Jay Bond and Dave Young.

I. Call to Order- Sam Willett, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Sam Willett, Chair.

II. Minutes for February 26, 2016 meeting

Mr. Willett presented the minutes of February 26, 2016 to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Ray Salazar to approve the minute and seconded by Amanda Nixon. The motion was carried.

III. Board Participation

Mr. Willett reported that moving forward commitment is necessary for our continuing to strengthen the Commission and we will be looking at attendance.

IV. Area Planning Body- Pam Woods

Jeff White gave the report for Pam Woods. Shannon McLeish questioned whether traveler's aid should be considered permeant housing. Some discussion on "homeless" definition ensued. Mr. White reported going by HUD's definition which was used in the PIT count. There are other definitions based on other funding sources.

V. Written Standards for CoC/ESG Service Delivery

The Written Standards were presented by Mr. White. Shannon McLeish questioned the urgency of the approval. Mr. White pointed out they are required by HUD for ESG and the CoC. Carl Falconer concurred and motioned to accept the written standards and seconded by Ray Salazar. The motion was carried.

VI. Open Committee Meetings

Mr. Willett reported he had a conversation with the CEO of Cincinnati's CoC and they are a UFA. Mr. Willett reported the CEO strongly encouraged open meetings and transparency in all meetings- Board of Director and Committee meetings. Mr. Willett reported he realized the importance of this and as such, moving forward all meetings will be open to and accommodate the public.

VII. Marketing Plan

Mr. Willet reported that a smaller group came together to discuss marketing. Ms. McLeish stated she thought it was a good idea, but that it should not present homelessness as “problem solved” because it is far from that. Mr. Willett reported on the contrary, the intent is to give a face to the homeless and tell their stories- present the homeless in a positive not a negative manner and engage community in assistance. Mr. Willett reported on his conversation with ICS about branding will be brought forward to the Steering Committee in order to move forward and of course Board approval.

VIII. Civic Leader’s Task Force on the Unsheltered

Ray Salazar reported on the 3-man subcommittee and its recommendations to include looking at alternatives to shelter. Ms. McLeish presented that “the body” already endorsed Dr. Marbut’s Safe Harbor Plan and that we should move forward with it. Robin King reported “the body” or Board of Directors has changed significantly and there needs to be a discussion. Mr. Willett engaged the Commission in discussion about Safe Harbor and alternatives, each Board member was allowed to present. When all was complete, Ms. McLeish made a motion to move forward with Safe Harbor and write the county approving Safe Harbor as site for shelter. After some silence, Mark Gaellis seconded the motion. Mr. Willet called for a vote from the Board, 2 yays and all other nays, the vote was not passed. The following comments were made in regard to Safe Harbor:

- a. Pastor Hautz– scattered site shelters, coordinated entry.
- b. Shannon McLeish – full HMIS access including 211; transportation to services, supports Safe Harbor with linked day program
- c. Mark Gaellis – Supports centralized shelter at Red John with coordinated case management and medical care
- d. Dr. Maria Barbosa– Flagler needs a shelter
- e. Jack White - Centralized, remember the entire community is a customer.
- f. Robin King – employment assistance and training best provided at a central site.
- g. Carl Falconer – No emergency shelter - \$4 million would house 400 people.
- h. Jim Cameron – hybrid – shelter to housing.
- i. Jeff White – PIT down each year because of increased emphasis on rapid rehousing, permanent housing, SSVF and improved economy. Coordinated entry and a single continuum of care
- j. Amanda – Housing First before trauma can be addressed.

IX. Collaborative Applicant Report- Jeff White, Executive Director

a. PIT Update

Mr. White gave the final PIT numbers and reported the PIT and HIC are submitted the HUD.

X. Standing Committee Reports

a. Steering Subcommittee

Mr. Wllett reported in the interest of time, the Committee reports will be brief. The Steering Committee agenda was already discussed throughout the Board meeting.

b. HMIS Subcommittee

Ms. King reported the “peer review” monitorings are being implemented with positive response. She also welcomed Tony Deobil to the HMIS Committee.

c. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

This Committee will be open to the public.

d. Application Subcommittee

The ESG was released. The local applications are due May 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to the VFCCH office. Distribution will be May 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army and scoring will be on May 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army.

e. SSVF Partnership

Tony Deobil reported the next SSVF meeting will take place on May 10, 2016. He will be taking over as Chair for Joni Casillas going forward.

XI. Old Business

None at this time.

XII. New Business

None at this time.

XIII. Public Comments

Comment: I appreciate your stance on the open meetings.

XIV. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Victoria Brown-Searle, CoC Secretary

CoC Chair: _____

Next meeting: June 24, 2016