

**Commission on Homelessness for Volusia and Flagler Counties  
Strategic Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Bank of America, 1025 International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach

***Attendees:** Jeff White, Victoria Brown-Searle, Susan Clark, Sam Willet, Carl Falconer, Mike Cornell, Jay Bond, Nancy Epps, Robin King, Janet Hamer, James Rose, Mark Geallis, Jim Cameron, Ray Salazar, Sharon Warriner, Deborah Hallisky, Joan Camparnaro, Jessica Robillard, Larry Arrington, John Arrington Carmen Hall ; **Absent:** Dave Beck , Chet Bell, Bob Williams*

**I. Call to Order- Sam Willett, Chair**

Chairman Sam Willet called the meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

**II. Minutes for March 16, 2016 meeting**

Mr. Willett presented the minutes of March 16, 2016. A motion was passed to accept the minutes as presented

**III. Witten Standards for CoC/ESG Service Delivery**

Jeff White presented the ESG Written Standards to the subcommittee. Mr. White explained the importance of having these written standards in place and being in compliance with HUD. This document is complied with the minimum standards required by HUD and can be amended as the Commission on Homelessness evolves. Mr. White asked the Committee for a recommendation to present to the ESG Witten Standards to the Board; a motion was passed to recommend present the ESG Written Standards to the Commission Board.

ACTION ITEM: Victoria Brown-Searle will send the ESG Written Standards to the Board for review.

**IV. 2016 Point in Time count**

Jeff White presented the PIT trends over time. There has been a decrease in the total homeless population each year since 2011. These decreases can be a direct effect of social economic factors, increase in services and reallocations of funds to various projects. Mr. White reviewed the overall totals, as well as the city and county reports. The CoC lost a lot of the Transitional Housing beds do to Haven Recovery closing. Mid Florida Housing may not be included in the HIC this year because they low income housing, they do not just serve the homeless population. Overall there were 55 volunteers participate in the count this year. The city of Deltona is missing from the report; Ms. Brown-Searle will make this correction and send out the corrected report to the Commission membership.

**V. Civitas Project (application for our strategic planning process) – Larry Arrington**

Mr. Arrington presented his Civitas Project with the Committee. Civitas Labs bring people together to help plan a strategy that works best for our community. A decision needs to be made on the capacity of the Emergency Housing and the Committee should be concerned how the decision is determined. The working group should consist of 30 people from different sectors of the community such as business representatives, funders, homeless representatives, services providers, etc.

**VI. Strategic Planning Update**

The Strategic Plan will need to be in compliance with HUD and the housing first model. A jail diversion vs. emergency housing discussion took place. It was suggested that the Committee should think in terms of both and not either/ or. Mr. Willett assigned section of the Strategic Plan to various Committee members and will email them their portion.

**VII. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting is Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Bank of America location.

**VIII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by: Victoria Brown-Searle, CoC Secretary*

*Strategic Planning Subcommittee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Next meeting: May 18, 2016*