

Minutes

Recorded at the joint meeting of the Boards of Directors for Central Florida Continuum of Care (CoC) and Homeless Services Network of Central Florida (HSN) held on Friday, September 27, 2019.

CoC Board Meeting

Chair Mike Griffin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

Mike Griffin, *CoC Chair & HSN*

Thomas Chatmon, *HSN Chair*

Timothy McKinney, *CoC Vice Chair & HSN Treasurer*

Matthew Kennedy, *HSN Secretary*

David Barnett, *HSN & CoC Proxy*

Lonnie Bell, *CoC*

Carla Cox, *CoC*

John Goodrich, *HSN*

Linda Landman Gonzalez, *CoC*

Desmond Meade, *CoC*

Andrew Thomas, *CoC & HSN*

PHONE

Amy Donley, *HSN*

Amy Elwood, *CoC*

Swannie Jett, *CoC*

Carrie Longworth, *HSN*

Desiree Matthews, *CoC & HSN*

Kimberlee Riley, *CoC*

Lisa Portelli, *CoC*

Jina Thalman, *CoC*

Shannon Young, *CoC*

STAFF

Martha Are

Brian Postlewait

Paula Atkinson

Greg Mellowe

Kristy Lukaszewski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Olivette Carter moved to approve the minutes recorded for the CoC Board of Directors, which was seconded by Lonnie Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

Desmond Meade was welcomed to the Board by Chair Griffin. Meade thanked the Board for considering him. He shared a little about his background, including his homeless lived experience, and his work in rights restoration. He commented that he looks forward to being a part of this body.

OLD BUSINESS

NOFA Update

Martha Are reminded the Board that the deadline to submit the HUD NOFA Application was Monday. In keeping with HUD's submission timeline, the application should be made available by the Saturday preceding the deadline; creating opportunity for the community to comment. Are shared that they decided to post the application tonight (Friday) on the CoC website and welcomed members of the

Board to review it and provide feedback. She stated further that the intention is to submit the application on Sunday.

Are briefly mentioned that the White House published a white paper on the state of homelessness this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Day 1 Family Fund

Are reported that the CoC received an invitation three days ago to apply for funding through the Day 1 Family Fund. She noted that this is a unique, invitation only opportunity. The deadline to submit our application is October 11 and awards range from 2.5Mn – 5Mn, for a 3-5yr period.

Are provided context on the funding, noting that it would be for services to homeless families. She noted that a lot of the previous grantees are faith-based. On Tuesday, a meeting was convened with representatives from family shelters, day programs and organizations that provide services to this subgroup to brainstorm what the priorities and strategy for the application. Are continued that this seemed to be a very hands-off award. It was understood that they award was provided in stocks. The grantee would need to sell the stocks to get the money. The foundation only required one report at the end of the grant term.

Griffin asked if anyone else within our region has been invited. Are replied highly unlikely. Questions rose about how money was awarded and whether it was dispersed gradually over the grant term. Are acknowledged the inquiry promising that she will pass on information as she gains better clarity on this fund. She noted that they seemed to favour applications with a focus on economic development and helping children.

Are opened an invitation to the members present to join them as they continued working out the best strategy for this funding opportunity. She mentioned meeting with Orange County (Lonnie Bell and Donna Wyche) to discuss the possibility of supporting whatever system comes out of this project after the award ends. Bell commented that they understand the situation and if the [Orange] County supports the activities and it was successful there doesn't seem to be any aversion to carrying on support.

Jacksonville Day Center & Family Shelter/Housing

Lisa Portelli, Chair of the Day Services Committee, organized a visit to a day center in Jacksonville. Chatmon commented that it was an exciting trip. There was a lot of discussion about day centers, also known as drop-in centers. We had the opportunity to speak with high level and mid-level management to gain better perspective on the operations of the center. He continued that Portelli disclosed that she was looking at opportunities already existing in our community, with a view to understand how we could bolster them to provide more consistent day center services versus building a new center. Are added that the family shelter they visited built in additional capacity for their services to serve not only their clients at the shelter but also to extend to the community and provide some stream of revenue. Griffin commented that Jacksonville does a good job of coordinating with community partners. Are highlighted that the location was not the most ideal but was clearly sold to them at an affordable rate.

OTHER BUSINESS

Medicaid Waiver

Are reported that AHCA accepted applications from the MMAs. We are aware of three that applied; two have contacted us to say they were accepted. It is suspected that the third was accepted. There still

are some negotiations with medicaid providers. However, we are still unsure whether this will help ease the burden of our current case load from the counties. It is hoped to have more information by the next meeting. There is some concern about the effectiveness of this. There is concern that they will target serving persons who are not most vulnerable.

McKinney asked whether there was anything we could do to require coordination. Are responded that we tried to get persons to sign a MOU to work with us, but it was not required by AHCA. She continued that HSN staff [Greg Mellowe, Brian Postlewait and Are] met with DCF. Griffin added that he met with Secretary Mayhew, who indicated interest in this pilot going well. Postlewait noted that details we are still concerned about is how do we keep accurate track of plans participants were enrolled in. We found a way to tag it in HMIS but the turnaround time for case managers getting this info into HMIS is not quick enough. Griffin commented that the idea of this is to expand Medicaid to persons who don't have it. Are remarked that it was created to provide a reimbursable service.

Youth Committee Chair

Are brought to the board's attention that the Youth Committee has elected to appoint Todd Carr as chair of their committee. Postlewait added that Carr has been a very active member of the committee and he has demonstrated great interest and vision for this committee's priorities. Are noted that we do not have chairs for all CoC Committees but we are trying to bring this in as a practice. In our Bylaws, the CoC Chair is responsible for appointing these positions, but would like to open to the CoC board for affirming the committee's desire to have Carr serve as committee chair.

*Linda Landman Gonzalez moved to affirm the decision to appoint Todd Carr as chair of the CoC Youth Committee which was seconded by Timothy McKinney. **Motion passes.***

A.O.B.

Next meeting October 25, 2019.

McKinney moved to adjourn the CoC Board meeting; Landman seconded.

The CoC Board meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Joint CoC/HSN Board Meeting

The Joint Session between the CoC and HSN Board was called to order by Chair Mike Griffin at 9:11 a.m.

Transition Team Activities

Chair Griffin reported on meeting with Shannon Gravitte. He mentioned that Jeff Hayward indicated willingness to continue serving on the CFCH and Dick Batchelor on the HSN Board. He noted that the Transition Team went through the agreed committee structure again and now they will be looking to fill the Commission Board and the HSN Board.

Mark Brewer engaged a lawyer (Jane Callahan) to help with the transition and the team has scheduled a meeting with the lawyer, next Monday. Griffin reminded that Advent Health's chief legal officer

looked through CFCH's paperwork and did not identify any red flags but strongly advised engaging a lawyer.

Updates from CFCH

The property management agreed to allow CFCH to break the lease on its office space on Oct 31st with paying \$15k in lieu of the \$50k written into the lease terms. Griffin noted that space to store furniture is still being identified.

Transition Timeline

HSN Chair, Thomas Chatmon, asked whether a timeline has been established for the transition to be finalized for the Commission. Griffin responded that two organizations still exist. Both organizations' board have agreed to have the current chairs co-chair the newly amalgamated organization. It is hoped that in the next transition meeting recommendations for officers for the new board will be discussed. It is hoped that by the next board meeting we will be meeting as the new board. It is believed that all parties are in agreement with how things are moving forward.

Lonnie Bell asked for more information on the communication strategy. Griffin shared that the communications team at Advent Health is currently developing a plan. A meeting should be scheduled next week to start messaging for the transition. It was noted that in the first year of the combined organization existing a lot of time will be spent providing an explanation to the community on what has happened.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.