



CFCH Managing Board

MINUTES

Recorded on Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Chair Mike Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Present were Mike Griffin (*Chair*), Tim McKinney (*Vice Chair*), Lonnie Bell, Maria Bledsoe, Carla Cox, Amy Elwood, Dawn Haynes, Lisa Portelli, Andrew Thomas, Shannon Young

By Phone: Carrie Longsworth, Desiree Matthews Desmond Meade, Pam Nabors, Jina Thalmann.

Staff: Martha Are, Brian Postlewait, Paula Atkinson, Rashad Haynes, Christopher Fowler

Welcome & Introductions

Griffin welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the new Central Florida Commission on Homelessness Managing Board.

How We Got Here | Responsibilities

Are commented that the group present is similar to the previous CoC board, with the addition of some voices that we believe will enhance our decision making capabilities. Where we are today was influenced by the Barbara Poppe “Roadmap” report which stressed the need for improved alignment. Are noted that, under this new structure, the CFCH Leadership Council has the responsibility of identifying the region’s priorities for the year. The CFCH Managing Board is charged with figuring out how to operationalize those priorities.

Are continued that this group, according to our bylaws, will be recognized as the HUD required Continuum of Care Board. Though we are moving away from using the name Continuum of Care, this is a HUD designation and the name may arise when appropriate. As such this board is subject to requirements by HUD for diverse representation.

On the Horizon | Upcoming Events & Activities

- Are welcomed members of the Board to volunteer for the upcoming Point in Time count on January 28, 2020.
- Over the next few months HSN will be running several CFCH sub-recipients competitions. This includes competitions for the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund, the Support Services for Veterans Program and the HUD Program.
- HUD announced that they were releasing tier 1 and tier 2 fund awards for the last competition. However, they did not release tier 2. Based on what was released, Are announced that the Central Florida region application received funding for the expansion of Rapid Rehousing specifically for youth.



Panhandling Project

Griffin noted that Andre Bailey, a former CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, conducted a project, funded by downtown Orlando stakeholders, to gain better understanding on panhandling in the Downtown Orlando area. A report has been produced and after some review it seems to validate the region's work with persons experiencing chronic homelessness. CFCH's interest is in persons experiencing homelessness who also panhandle, rather than in panhandling in and of itself.

The Board was presented with a high level overview of the report. A copy of the report will be emailed to all board members. Are stated that the report highlights may be an opportunity for us to encourage engagement and support from the business community. We acknowledge that our community's success requires buy in and support from all sectors.

Griffin shared that the Commission has been invited to participate on a panel that Bailey's organization, Rethinking Homelessness, is hosting. The members agreed that it was important to engage the business leaders who supported this research, while also supporting other cities wanting to replicate the research. However, at this time there is no funding to support another city conducting the research.

How We Move Forward

Are reminded the Board that based on recommendations from the Barbara Poppe report and others arrived at organically since then, this group is advised to use the Collective Impact model, maintain Data Driven decision making and be create more opportunities for Consumer Input. These Guiding Principles are important to be heeded when engaged in discussions about improving or adding to our system.

Other Business

HSN is in the process of sending out a RFP for managing Bezos Funds. This board will updated on the results of this process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm