



## CFCH Managing Board

### MINUTES

Recorded on Wednesday, February 12, 2020

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Vice Chair Tim McKinney called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

Present were Mike Griffin (*Chair*), Tim McKinney (*Vice Chair*), Lonnie Bell, Dawn Haynes, Carrie Longworth, Celestia McCloud, Lisa Portelli, Jina Thalmann, Shannon Young

*By Phone*: Maria Bledsoe, Desiree Matthews, Andrew Thomas.

*Staff*: Martha Are, Brian Postlewait, Paula Atkinson, Rashad Haynes, Stephanie Aziz

### Minutes Approval

**MOTION: Dawn Haynes moved to approve the minutes recorded at the meeting of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness Managing Board held on January 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Shannon Young and passed with unanimous consent.**

### Board Committees

There was a call for volunteers to establish a Nominating Committee. Lisa Portelli, Dawn Haynes, Shannon Young, Andrew Thomas and Lonnie Bell indicated willingness to serve on that committee.

### Moving Forward

#### Roadmap Home

The Board reviewed strategies from the Roadmap Home report prepared by Barbara Poppe and received an update on progress made towards several recommendations. Conversation focused on homeless youth, expanding CES and applications for Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers.

Mike Griffin commented that it would be useful for us to use the Roadmap Home plan as a guide for setting priorities and crafting strategies for the region. He then posed the question to the group present of whether there are any foreseen logistical issues with taking this approach. Some members requested copies of the plan to review again. The Board approved a recommendation to the Leadership Council that the region re-engage Ms. Poppe to assist with a process to further flesh out the recommendations, developing a strategic plan that focuses on subpopulations and development.

#### Regional Resource Development Plan

Are noted the Roadmap Home also made suggestions concerning the creation of resources for the region to properly fund the elements of the plan.

Chair Griffin reminded the board of the event being held tomorrow on the Panhandling study conducted by Rethink Homelessness and the context behind the study being done in the first place. CFCH has been asked to participate in the panel as the study sheds light on the chronically homeless population and makes inferences



about how to help this group of people. It was noted that this event is an opportunity to ask the business community to invest in the homeless services system.

Griffin continued that a dedicated funding source will always be a topic of conversation in the community and noted that he believed a needs assessment is necessary before going after lawmakers to make funding available. The region must be prepared to clearly articulate - What are the needs? What are the deliverables? How will we be held accountable? There still are some legitimate questions that we have not been able to answer. A designated funding source is not the first message we should send. It should be that we come up with a plan.

It was noted that the strategic plan should assist us to be looking at funding the whole system. The Impact Fund is one angle, but there are other areas in our system that does not have funding sources

Lisa Portelli noted that there is a plan to do a workshop with the Orlando City Commissioners and suggested that other jurisdictions consider doing something similar.

### Sub-Population Strategic Planning

Are presented on the sub-populations we are currently working with, noting that there is a need and intention to increase services provided.

### Leadership Council - Agenda

Are extended the invitation for persons to request briefing sessions in order to prep their respective elected officials for the upcoming CFCH Leadership Council meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Portelli suggested a conference call to walk through the final agenda with jurisdictional staff a week before, so they may prep their respective official.

Are shared that Maria Bledsoe will be presenting on how Central Florida Cares Health System will be implementing a new initiative to assist with providing services to panhandlers in the various jurisdictions.

The group also agreed that we should walk the Council through the Poppe report again.

Longworth inquired about staff attending the CFCH Leadership Council meetings. Griffin noted that jurisdictional staff are encouraged to attend, so they may provide additional support to their respective officials.

### AOB

Longworth asked if we will be releasing numbers for PIT or mention how it went at the Council meeting. Are noted that the results will not be ready prior to the Council meeting.

McCloud asked for a recap on our involvement with the panhandling study, reminding that folks on the conference line got disconnected in last month's meeting. Portelli explained that a private organization conducted a study in the Downtown Orlando area on panhandling and CFCH was invited to participate in a panel discussion at the study's release event. Are noted that we could use this panhandling study to showcase



our efforts towards providing services to the chronic population. McKinney also added that it is an opportunity to raise awareness about some needs for this population that's not available within the region.

It was noted that most chronically homeless panhandlers from all three counties are already in our system and a part of HMIS. Other counties can build off of the recommended strategies without having to fund a new report. Per request, HSN will be following up with Kissimmee on next steps for that downtown area. Portelli expressed optimism for the event tomorrow potentially attracting additional resources.

Portelli asked if the members have been following the news on the Federal Supreme Court not hearing a case on 5 homeless individuals camping. The ruling stood; the precedence has been set. Portelli, Griffin and Are may need to speak about with an attorney to see how this will affect our community.

Portelli also mentioned the desire to reconvene the Day Services Committee to look at effective strategies working with unsheltered populations by Barbara Poppe. April 1st (8AM – 11:30AM) is up for consideration. McKinney asked if the taskforce has any recommendations for the community. Portelli responded that most of the discussions have centered on Orlando; there haven't been any region wide recommendations at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm