



**Continuum of Care  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Location: PRIDE Center**

**“Working together to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring”**



▪ **In Attendance:**

Sarai Cabrera, Jon DeCarmine, Ken Armstrong, Amanda Nazaro, Stephanie Davis, Autumn Santos  
Tony Delisle, Jayne Moraski, Lauri Schiffbauer, Kimber Tough, Cheryl Wedgewood, Michael Blessing  
Theresa Beachy, Terry Fleming, Jessica Miller, Mona Gil de Gibaja, Brenda Chamberlain, Cindy Wolinski,  
JoeAnn Spencer, Jennifer Moiser, Matt Raskovic, Charnice Johnson, Bernadette Woody, Keanna Johnson, Joe  
Johnson, Scott Hesch, Ron Hall, Andrize Patrick, David Moore, Beau Mesadieu, Paul Purdue, Diane Reeves,  
Demetra Dasher, Janice Crawford

▪ **Call to order/Member Introductions**

▪ **Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Mona Gil de Gibaja. Introductions were made by all in attendance.  
Mona thanked Terry for hosting the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes Sheldon Packer motioned to accept with corrections- Keanna Johnson spelling,  
Terry Fleming was in attendance, seconded by Theresa Beachy, motion carried.

▪ **Built for Zero**-Update on Built for Zero – Jessica Miller gave a brief overview of Built for Zero. Built for Zero  
meets every 2 weeks, Case conferencing has been the focus. The Built for Zero process has been instrumental in  
helping to improve Case Conferencing and how we are now assigning names from the By Name List to agencies.

▪ Mona Gil de Gibaja announced we received more than 100k in additional HUD funding.

▪ **Census** – Theresa Beachy informed the CoC that 2020 is a census year. The count begins in the next six weeks,  
enumerators will be going out in April and May. A post card will be mailed to residents with a code to log on  
and complete the questions. There will be at least three times to be counted before the enumerators begin.  
Each post card = \$1000.00 of funds for the state. We are asking if needed, assist your clients with the postcards.  
There is a county census committee who is working on getting the information out through media outlets.

▪ **Data Performance** – Did not meet due to the holiday, will not meet this month due to PIT. There will be a  
February meeting to review submission for the 1<sup>st</sup> summit of the system performance.

▪ **Housing Committee** – Planning stages for the Landlord Summit 2, February 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the GRU  
Annex. The summit will provide landlords and property managers with information on services we provide.  
There will be a panel to share services offered. We need contact with landlords who haven't quite understood  
what services we provide. We have found several organizations are hiring liaisons to work with landlords.  
Moving forward with the Landlord Risk Mitigation fund, the process is being worked out. We have received  
\$15,000 from Gainesville Housing Authority. Alachua County and the City of Gainesville will also be providing  
\$15,000. total of 45,000. United Way will serve as the fiscal agency. More information will be shared as the  
process is complete.

- **Case Conferencing/Coordinated Entry.** Everything from By Name List is in HMIS. It is very important when entering information into HMIS to answer the question of chronic & non chronic. Built for Zero reports are based on chronic -non chronic, please answer that question when you are entering the information in HMIS. Self-resolved also means that they may have used the services provided but not used Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-housing. We need to provide a comprehensive picture of the assistance that has been provided to the folks while they are transitioning out of the system.
  
- **Street Outreach /PIT** - Main count PIT January 29<sup>th</sup> Alachua county, rural counties 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The tablets that will be used for the count will arrive this week. Training for team leads will be next week. Jon DeCarmine will put together the training. Meetings will be weekly on Fridays at 10 until the PIT is complete. This week it will be held at the Health Dept in Community Service meeting room, January 24<sup>th</sup> at United Way, the PIT will meet from 10:00 – 11:00, at 11:00 we will be stuffing goody bags. We also need more goody bag donations. Volunteer sheets will go out today. Data entry for the PIT will be February 3, 9:00 -1:00 at United Way, the paper surveys will be entered, and lunch will be provided. If you are a member of COC we ask that you participate in some way, survey, data entry or volunteer. We ask that if you are volunteering to work in the field with the count or assisting, please be prepared to talk to homeless people. Finalizing housing inventory count forms, PIT committee will review.
  
- **Terry Fleming** of Holy Trinity introduced Mother Diane of St. Andrews Interlachen. She gave an overview of what they provide and asked if there are any agencies who can help in Interlachen feel free to contact her. Terry Fleming share information for birth certificates. Agencies have started referring clients to Holy Trinity if they need a birth certificate for housing or services, after February 1<sup>st</sup>, they will need this form (attached). Holy Trinity has limited funds, we should be the last resort for these birth certificates. There are six questions that must be asked before sending them to Holy Trinity. This will not impact ID services, it will only affect housing or services providers.
  
- **Beau Mesadieu** – Intern with CoC – Gave an overview of what she will be doing with Marketing focusing on the COC. She will be working to create stories to assist Landlords to see the need for partnership, making homelessness and people struggling to make them more real. The stories are designed to shift the thoughts behind homelessness. They will be one-minute conversations around the reasons for homelessness and will be on Facebook and Twitter. They are designed to spark conversations and a way to engage the younger generations so they will have a way to become involved, volunteer and donate. The videos will also highlight service providers that are a part of the CoC.
  
- **HUD Community of Practice-** The CoC has been accepted for 2 community of groups practice for Technical Assistance. Data Quality and Governance are the two areas we have been accepted for. They link us with other communities around the issue. Data Quality improvements and Governance, Mona Gil de Gibaja and Brenda Chamberlain will be working on these groups for 5 months. Updates will be shared.
  
- **Don Barnes** with Center for Independent Living – will be retiring in a couple of weeks. He thanked everyone for the support that has been shown through the tenure.
  
- **Program Updates & Announcements**  
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Bernadette Woody announced there are beds available for Veterans

Janie Crawford introduced Ivory Place, Inc. and her outreach work.

Jon DeCarmine updated on the Dignity Village closure: Veterans dorm completed by end of March, Dignity Village final phase should be done March 2<sup>nd</sup>, that is the target date. To date 48 housed, 34 disappeared, 28 assigned to other agencies 110 will move onto Grace campus.

Jayne Moraski of Family Promise – if you know of a person who needs assistance with beds or furniture, the agency can contact her, she may be able to assist.

Peaceful Paths - Production of The Vagina Monologue will be February 7 – 14

If you have a client needing progressive lens, Target has a program for assistance for glasses.

Jeffrey Cobb Shelter from the Storm Outreach introduced his nonprofit, they assist men and women released from jail. They have been in existence for 18 years.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 18, 2020