



United Way
of North Central Florida

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Leadership Council Meeting
FL 508
September 7, 2023
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Zoom

Present:

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| Claudia Tuck – Alachua County Community Support Services | Amber Miller – United Way |
| Peter Dannenhoffer – Lived Experience | Maddye Fleming – United Way |
| Lori Slaven – Lee Conlee House | Keanna Johnson – United Way |
| Leota Wilkinson- Putnam County BOCC | Valeria Segui-Gonzalez – United Way |
| Brendan Shortley -Helping Hands Clinic | Rena McCann – United Way |
| Bea Awoniyi – Santa Fe College | JoeAnn Spencer – United Way |
| Mark Brisbane – Center for Independent Living | |

Absent:

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| Joseph Dixon – Gainesville Fire & Rescue | Scott Hesch – Lived Experience |
| Jon DeCarmine – Grace Marketplace | Nancy Eisele – LSF |
| Jonathan Sanabria – Veterans Administration | Michelle Sherfield – ACSO |

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Claudia Tuck.
Motion to approve August minutes by Lori Slaven, seconded by Brendan Shortley, motion carried.
- II. Committee Reports:
Coordinated Entry – Keanna Johnson reported the committee met and have three items to present to Leadership Council for consideration.
 1. Funds for diversion – Grace has been tracking about \$1,000.00 per month for diversion
 2. Consultant for the Coordinated Entry access points, assist with manual and how to separate the By-Name list from HMIS, building out a quality list.
 3. A few providers are having issues contacting Gainesville Housing Authority. Asking the council to meet with them to open communication channels.

Suggested maybe the Landlord Mitigation Fund can be used for some diversion. The CoC should be billing the County and City for the fund annually.

Bea Awoniyi motioned to expand the Landlord Mitigation fund to include diversion until we can find another funding source, Leota Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

HMIS – Valeria Segui-Gonzalez – HMIS user licenses have been renewed. We were at 121 at a cost of \$43,000.00, we are now at 81 licenses at a cost of \$23,209. Part of the savings went toward a “Sandbox” training site where users can practice, there is no limit the number of users . Once the system is in place, it will be previewed in a General Membership meeting.

Lived Experience – Maddy Fleming August meeting great. It was an open forum regarding issues that present barriers. Agencies that are referred by 2-1-1, are not responsive when called. How can we get individuals document ready, not enough affordable housing units.

The question was asked can the Lived Experience committee investigate higher education for homeless. While they are homeless, they can receive free tuition, but when they are housed, they lose that benefit. Is there any way for them to continue with their education once housed?

Rank & Review Committee – in process of ranking and reviewing 2023 HUD NOFO competition. Final meeting will be held tomorrow. The committee has incorporated a virtual agency interview during the process via Zoom. Lead agency will provide a staff member to converse with the committee and the agency.

- III. Lead Agency- Amber Miller presented the financials. Rena McCann – CV3 first month spent 7% we are okay on our spending. Challenge spent 10.53% doing fine there. ESG 8.33% , TANF 6.33% , keeping a close eye on these two. CV2 agencies are not spending down on that, we are waiting for DCF to respond.

Leadership Council Roster – Ken Armstrong is retiring, waiting to see if he has a replacement from his team.

2023 HUD NOFO – Application is in process, on target with timeline. Leadership council meeting will be scheduled to review.

- IV. Strategy 2024 PIT Count – A PIT count committee is being established. Asking Council to consider counting Dixie County. Dixie County is not covered under a CoC. Amber Miller has made connections in the county and knows there are unsheltered there. The plan is for each county to have a headquarters, data collection will align with HUD data. Looking into other data collection devices. Amber Miller met with officials in Bradford Count, there is someone there willing to join the PIT count committee.

HUD TA – HUD change the way TAs are assigned. A regional TA has been assigned to our CoC. Amber connected with her. She is here to help us rebuild a better CoC in all aspects. She offered to conduct training on Leadership Council, Lead Agencies, General Membership, Capacity Building, CoC Disaster Plan, and she is available to do lunch & learns.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

