



United Way  
of North Central Florida

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Leadership Council Meeting  
FL 508  
October 5, 2023  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom

**Present:**

Claudia Tuck -Alachua County Community Support Services  
Lori Slaven - Lee Conlee House  
Leota Wilkinson- Putnam County BOCC  
Brendan Shortley -Helping Hands Clinic  
Mark Brisbane - Center for Independent Living  
Jonathan Sanabria- Veterans Administration

Amber Miller - United Way  
Maddye Fleming - United Way  
Valeria Segui-Gonzalez - United Way  
Rena McCann - United Way  
JoeAnn Spencer- United Way  
Joe Dixon – Gainesville Fire & Rescue  
Nancy Eisele - LSF

**Absent:**

Jon Decarmine - Grace Marketplace  
Bea Awoniyi- Santa Fe College  
Peter Dannenhoffer – Lived Experience

Scott Hesch - Lived Experience  
Michelle Sherfield -ACSO

**I. Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Chair, Claudia Tuck.**

Motion to approve September minutes by Joe Dixon, Mark Brisbane seconded motion carried

**II. Committee Reports:**

**Coordinated Entry-** Working through separating the by name list from individuals who are seeking housing. Procedure manual updates working on those.

**HMIS** – Valeria Segui-Gonzalez – Wellsky- 5.1 major update occurred on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> , update 5.15 tentatively set for this Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.. Policy and Procedures manual have begun to update . Will present it to HMIS committee for input, then to the Leadership Council for approval. Would like to create a DATA Committee, developing a plan to start that committee.

**Lived Experience-** Maddye Fleming – Great planning committee meeting, very productive. Identified agencies to help increase attendance. Brainstormed ideas for giveaways.

**III. Lead Agency** – Met with Regional HUD TA. She will help with outreach in other counties with lunch & learns. Would like to start with Putnam County, waiting on available dates.

NOFO submitted a day ahead of the deadline.

Punch List being created with questions in the NOFO. Will present list at next Council Meeting.

Form need for NOFO for the Consolidated Plan by the city was signed. Working on a strategy to be proactive with the application going forward.

August Financials – reviewed by Amber Miller

Spend Down Report reviewed by Rean McCann- CV3 21% spent, Challenge spent 26%

Waiting for Amendment to be received from DCF. ESG spent 23% TANF 19.41%

**IV. New/Old Business**

Touching base with agencies on Monday for monitoring checkup.. A couple of DV providers had some questions. Waiting for clarification from HUD and the State regarding DV questions.

**Challenge Plus**

Challenge Plus grant was dropped two days after Hurricane Idela hit. With the deadline date a week later. We did not submit anything due to responding to the hurricane. We were granted an extension, if we are interested, they will take one by next Friday. How do we want to handle this opportunity? Two funding opportunities:

1<sup>st</sup> Reunification for Families 70,000.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vulnerable Population 345,510.

Requires 25% match

Expensed by June 30,2024

After discussion, Amber will check to confirm capacity before applying. Check with Shannon to see if funding can be used for Outreach and Shelter.

Motioned by Lori Slaven if Amber feels we can move forward, she has the approval of the council to move forward at her discretion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Eisele. Motion carried.

Ken Armstrong Exe Director Alachua County authority submitted his resignation. Asked the council to consider Amanda Nazario as his replacement. Application reviewed by council. Brendan Shortley motion to approve Amanda Nazario as Ken Armstrong replacement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Dixon. Motion carried.

V. **Strategy** -Recruiting for PIT - created a jot form to collect information on who is interested, who can serve and in what capacity. As of today 9 people have completed the survey.

VI. **Marketing Intern** – working on collateral material for the CoC. Content for the Facebook page, designing a newsletter template to be used, Collateral pieces, CE brochure, membership brochure. Next couple weeks they should be going out.

**Member Announcements** – Claudia Tuck- Board of County Commissioners will introduce a program to assist with evction convictions. There are 3 levels of assistance. A helpline is being established. Two providers have been identified Florida Legal and Three Rivers Legal Services. A community flier will be provided.

Amber Miller meeting with marketing person at Tioga for the Light Up Tioga event for this year. Again, collection of toiletries for the CoC will take place at the event.

Next Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:00



