



MEETING MINUTES

CoC General Membership

Date: November 8, 2024 **Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: *HYBRID* – CDS Behavioral Health and Microsoft TEAMS

Claudia Tuck, Alachua Co. Community Support Services

Jacob Torner, TaskForce

Brett Buell, Gainesville Opportunity Center

Marsha Latham, TaskForce

Leigh Scott, Released Re-Entry

Crystal Sorrow, Peaceful Paths

Lisa Hudson, Another Way

Val Segui Gonzalez, TaskForce

Peter Dannenhoffer, Lived Experience

Eric Davis, St. Francis House

Cynthia Roberts, Elder Options

Jessica Bechtold, CDS

Joseph Hillhouse, City of Gainesville

Philip Mann, City of Gainesville

Kaitlin Arters, Another Way

Keanna Johnson, TaskForce

Tavia Sumpter, St. Francis House

Rena McCann, TaskForce

Paul Tarnowski, LSF

Sarai Cabrera, Alachua Co. CSS

Natalie Nandelstadt, Grace Marketplace

Tara Provini, Catholic Charities Putnam

Diana Phillips, Catholic Charities Putnam

Amanda Nazaro, Alachua County Housing

Atoria Robinson, VA

Tracey Brown, Grace Marketplace

Olivia Hollier, CDS

Jon DeCarmine, Grace Marketplace

Diiv Sternman, NAEH

I) Welcome and Call to Order (Keanna Johnson)

Keanna Johnson opened the meeting, welcoming all attendees and facilitating introductions from both in person and virtual participants.

a. *September Meeting Minutes (Keanna Johnson)*

No changes were made to the agenda. Motion for approval of September meeting minutes was by John and seconded by Tracey. Unanimous approval.

II) Collaborative Applicant Report

a. *September Financials (Rena McCann)*

Reporting period of Sept.1-Sept. 30, 2024. **ESG:** Deliverables exceed the amounts required by DCF. Subrecipient payouts for the month were a little over \$29,000. Spending is on track. YTD: 740 individuals served in emergency shelter, 49 served in homeless prevention & 61 served in rapid re-housing.

TANF: Catholic Charities Gainesville has 61% of budget remaining. Catholic



Charities Putnam has 81% of budget remaining. No concerns with spending. YTD: 21 individuals in 5 households served with financial assistance and 27 individuals in 7 households served with case management. **Challenge:** Deliverables exceed the amounts required by DCF. Spending has been low, but Lead Agency is in contact with subrecipients to ensure funds are being used. YTD: 66 individuals served under housing, 240 under service & 756 under program.

b. *CoC Staff Update (Keanna Johnson)*

Keanna announced she was the new CoC Director and introduced CoC Program Specialist Marsha Latham. Coordinated Entry Manager position will be posted.

c. *Annual Training Calendar (Keanna Johnson)*

Trainings have been set up for the remainder of the year and into next year. Training calendar can be found on the Keys to Home website and are open to all who wish to attend. Motivational Interviewing training on Nov. 19th. ESG & TANF training on Nov. 22nd. Resource HUB is located on the website and has previously recorded trainings, handouts, and slides. Any suggestions for training should be emailed to Keanna or Jacob.

d. *Funding Opportunities Update (Jacob Torner)*

Lead Agency released four RFPs over the last several months. **FY24 CoC HUD NOFO:** consolidated application & priority listing submitted this morning. Successful submission confirmation was received. CoC was granted a disaster extension to submit at a later date. **CoC Builds:** CoC Council approved application for Alachua County for Sunrise Residence Inn. Application will be submitted in the next couple of weeks and will be posted on the website. **Challenge Unsheltered:** Council has accepted 2 of 3 funding recommendations and is working with the CoC to finalize. **ESG RUSH:** Available to serve clients under ESG eligibility guidelines with some differences. \$35,000 for current FY. Council directed CoC staff to decide on how funds will be used. Current ESG recipients funded for prevention/rapid re-housing will receive an email to determine if funding can be accepted. **PATH:** TaskForce has received a request from LSF to apply. TF can subcontract services since they do not provide direct services in this CoC. If application is submitted and approved, local competition will be held for subcontract.



III) Committee Reports

a. *Coordinated Entry (Keanna Johnson)*

CE policy and procedure manual has been updated and can be found on CoC website. Committee is working on a plan for evaluation process of CES. CE training will be January 7, 2025. Keanna is working with WellSky to finish building prioritization list in HMIS. Quick guide will also be completed for CE access points. Homeless Prevention committee meeting on Nov. 20th. Working to implement prevention in CES. Timeline for implementation has been established but may be shifted in order allow more time for feedback from providers and to develop prevention assessment tool.

b. *Data, Performance and HMIS (Val Segui-Gonzalez)*

September 2024 data report cards presented. Key factor in low scores are entry/exit data elements not being completed or updated. Working with providers to address those issues. LSA is due January 9th. Data cleanup for LSA has already started, and all providers should be ready to address any data issues as Val reaches out.

c. *Point-in-Time & Outreach (Marsha Latham)*

PIT count will be conducted January 28-30th. Flyers have been sent out. Volunteer registration is live on CoC website. Virtual volunteer trainings will be held Jan. 23rd at 10am & 3pm and Jan. 24th at 9am & 5pm. Next meeting PIT meeting held on Nov. 20th with Officer Cathy Chastain from Davie Police Department to discuss the role of public safety officers in PIT.

IV) *Council Member Election (Keanna Johnson)*

Rachel Ryan and Phil Mann recently filled two appointed positions on CoC Council. Applications presented to voting CoC membership members for Kimber Tough (legal) and Paul Tarnowski (behavioral health). Voting members (9 present) unanimously approved both applications.

V) *NAEH Alachua County Outreach Analysis (Diiv Sternman)*

Diiv Sternman with the National Alliance to End Homelessness presented the results of the analysis. Key findings reported are divided into three sections 1) Effectiveness of



current street outreach programming 2) Absence of reliable data on rural homelessness 3) Need for relationship building across the CoC. Report also detailed 15 recommendations divided into two sections 1) Develop an effective, efficient, and equitable housing-focused street outreach strategy 2) Implement CoC best practices.

VI) *Member Comment (Keanna Johnson)*

Margie Foster is the new Executive Director at Gainesville Opportunity Center (GOC). Nov. 15th they will host their 4th annual Fall Festival/Open House. Community partners who wish to table the event can contact Brett.

Gainesville Fire Rescue is hosting a strategic planning workshop on November 25. They are looking for feedback on emergency medical services, community health, risk reduction and engagement.

Alachua Co. Community Support Services now has an Information and Referral specialist to assist with resources and referrals in the community. Sessions can be done in-person or by phone. Please call Taryn at (352) 264-6716 for assistance.

VII) *Adjournment (Keanna Johnson)*

Next meeting will be held on January 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.