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CoC Leadership Council February 6, 2025, 3:30 PM-5:30 PM via TEAMS

Attendees

Claudia Tuck, Alachua County Community Support Services	Amanda Nazaro, Alachua County Housing Authority
Bea Awoniyi, Santa Fe College	Rachel Ryan, Family Promise
Michelle Sherfield, Alachua County Sherriff's Office	Paul Tarnowski, LSF Health Systems
Lori Slaven, Lee Conlee House	Jacob Torner, TaskForce
Mark Brisbane, Center for Independent Living	Keanna Johnson, TaskForce
Phil Mann, City of Gainesville	Marsha Latham, TaskForce
	Rena McCann, TaskForce
	Leon Upshaw, TaskForce

I. Welcome and Call to Order (Claudia Tuck)

Meeting called to order 3:33 p.m. by Claudia. Phil motioned to approve the agenda and January minutes as presented. Amanda seconded. Unanimous vote to approve minutes and agenda.

II. Committee Reports

a. Coordinated Entry (Keanna Johnson)

Reema is no longer with Taskforce as the Coordinated Entry Manager. Interviews have started, and staff are looking to have the position filled soon. CE Committee voted and approved a revised timeline for Homeless Prevention services integrating into the Coordinated Entry System. HP committee will meet with month and will work through the revised timeline. CE Committee also discussed the CE evaluation and is moving forward with that. With changes coming down from the Administration, the CE P&P will most likely have to be revised. BNL reporting: 321 single adults, 12 transitioned age youth, 14 families consisting of 18 adults and 24 children.

b. Data, Performance and HMIS (Leon Upshaw)

Data quality completeness reports for funded providers were shared with the council. Most agencies have maintained their scores, some scored have decreased. Leon has implemented a monthly data quality certification for agencies within a certain quality threshold to send an action plan if their data quality falls below a certain score and how they plan to address those issues. Will be setting up trainings for agency admins so they will be able to train end users in their organizations. Leon also has providers running and checking their own data monthly and sends out high priority data errors that they should be correcting and should help the scores come up once they are fixed.

c. PIT count (Marsha Latham)

Marsha noted there was positive feedback during PIT this year. Most were impressed by the data coming in real-time. Estimated count data before deduplication is 883 (431 sheltered and 452 unsheltered). This number seems slightly higher than last year. CoC recorded just over a 100 volunteers that assisted with the count.

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d. Lived Experience (Rachel Ryan)

Keanna and Rachel met on January 14th. Committee is working to recruit members and discussed items such as compensation policy, application, flyer for marketing the committee, attendance requirements, etc. Diiv did email introductions between Keanna and someone they knew who may be able to help with some of the committee work. Keanna has reached out to schedule a meeting. Next meeting will be held sometime in March. Council would like the committee to focus on providing input and guidance to the regarding services, policies, etc.

III. Collaborative Applicant Report

a. Finance Update (Rena McCann)

As of December 31, 2024:

- 61% of ESG grant has been spent. All deliverables are being met. Three sub grantees had not spent 50% of their funds by the end of December, and were given until January 31 to spend down.
- 65% of TANF grant has been spent. All deliverables are being met. Both agencies had either spent 50% of their funds or were close to it.
- 50% of Challenge grant has been spent. All deliverables are being met. Four sub grantees had not spent 50% of their funds by the end of December. They were also given until January 31 to spend down.
- Challenge Unsheltered is the newest grant. Two sub grantees have utilized funds. Budgets have been provided for how funds will be used, and spending will pick up this month. Deliverables are tracked differently for this grant (either based on clients served or money spent-\$13,150 equals one deliverable).

Out of the 7 sub grantees who did not utilize 50% of their funds by 12/31/2024, only one provider remained under the 50% threshold (St. Francis House) as of 1/31/2025. Discussion was had around reallocating \$8,000 from SFH ESG rapid re-housing program and provide it to Family Promise ESG rapid re-housing program. Collaborative Applicant will continue to monitor spending on a monthly basis on all sub grantees.

b. Community Town Halls (Keanna Johnson)

All three scheduled town hall meeting have been held. In December, there was one hosted in Putnam County and two held in Gainesville the week of PIT (January 28th and January 31st). Many community providers showed up to all of them, but no turnout from the general public. Solicitation of email feedback from the community was requested, however there was none. Staff will be reviewing feedback collected at the town halls and will look to bring it to the Leadership Workshop for further discussion and strategizing. More town halls will be had later this year and CoC staff will look to host those in the evening. CoC staff will also present feedback to the Alachua County BOCC in either late March or early April.

IV. Strategy and Needs (Keanna Johnson)

a. CoC Leadership Council Training and Strategy Workshop

Will be held February 20th and 21st from 9a to 12p at CDS. All calendar invites have been sent. Amanda Wander with Florida Housing Coalition will be leading the workshop.

b. Vote to Approve FY2425 DCF Reallocations

Paul made a motion to reallocate \$8,000 from St. Francis House ESG RRH program and provide to Family Promise ESG RRH program. Bea seconded. Unanimous vote of reallocation. Collaborative Applicant will send amendments to both providers as this does not have to go through DCF.

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c. Vote to Adopt Uncovered Counties for FY 25-28 DCF grants

On January 16th meeting with DCF, CoC staff were informed they are soliciting CoCs to obtain 3 counties not included in a CoC. DCF is looking to award a \$200,000 bonus per county per year for any counties added to a CoC catchment area. Keanna has already confirmed with Erek at DCF that FL-508 would add Dixie and Union Counties. DCF requests that once funding is made, Collaborative Applicant notifies HUD to have them added to the CoC catchment area. Council discussed the addition of the two counties and what that would potentially look like. Bea made motion to adopt Dixie and Union Counties. Michelle seconded. Unanimous vote to adopt Dixie and Union Counties to FL-508 CoC catchment area.

d. Vote to Approve Charter Revisions

Jacob gave an overview of the charter with revisions. Revisions include:

- Addition of Dixie and Union Counties
- Addition of council seats (legal and healthcare)

Lori made a motion to accept the charter as presented. There were minor details that were amended during the meeting. Phil seconded the motion to accept the charter as amended. Unanimous vote to accept the charter as amended.

V. New/Old Business (Keanna Johnson)

a. Federal Funding Update

Memorandum M-25-13 was issued by the Office of Management and Budget on January 27, 2025 pausing federal grants, loans and financial assistance. Providers lost access to ELOCCS and were unable to draw down any funds. CoC staff met with Florida Coalition to End Homelessness (January 28th) regarding the memo and continue to meet weekly with them. CoC staff also met with our sub grantees (January 29th and January 31st) for check in and contingency planning. CoC also sent a letter to Kat Cammack regarding the memo and freeze on funds. OMB rescinded M-25-13 on January 29th and providers gained access back to ELOCCS. CoC staff has been contact with DCF and DCF has informed their funds can continue to be spent until they say otherwise.

b. Federal Compliance Discussion

President Trump has issued executive orders that affect federal programs and funding. While the CoC has not received directives from HUD at this time, we want to make sure we are complying with the orders. CoC staff are looking to review and update all materials to make sure they are in compliance with EOs. Lori made a motion to allow CoC staff to review and update CoC materials as needed. Paul seconded. Unanimous vote to allow CoC to review and update CoC materials as needed.

c. Interim Strategies for Responding to Unsheltered Homelessness

Document was attached in council materials. There will be a webinar held next week. Council members asked to review document and bring suggestions, comments, or concerns to the Leadership Workshop for strategic planning.

VI. Member Comment (Claudia Tuck)

None at this time.

VII. Adjournment (Claudia Tuck)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Next meeting will be held March 6, 2025.

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