



**Housing Committee Meeting**  
**Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79<sup>nd</sup> Street,**  
**Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150**  
**October 20, 2016 Minutes**

*Approved November 17, 2016*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Alonso, Eddie		x
2	Ausborn, James		x
3	Clarke-Trotman, Pauline	x	
4	Fiol, Nicole		x
5	Gallardo, Enrique	x	
6	Howell, Jonathan	x	
7	Jauregui, Jocelyn	x	
8	Laso, Carlos	x	
9	Malone, Tatiana	x	
10	Minino-Bogaert, Jose Antonio		x
11	Mitchell, Synthia		x
12	Powell, James L.	x	
13	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
14	Williams, April		x
15	Williams, Stephen	x	
<b>Quorum: 6</b>			

Guests	
Alicia Apfel	
John McFeely	
Felicita Morales	
Cassandra Richardson	
Alexis Howard	
Staff	
Elizabeth Ross	

**I. Call to Order**

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. without quorum. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Quorum was achieved at 2:16 p.m.

**II. Resource Persons**

Mr. Powell identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda and approved it as presented.

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: Roberto Tazoe**

**Second: Tatiana Malone**

**Motion: Passed**

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Mr. Powell read the following:

*Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any items on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns.*

There were no comments so the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Minutes of August 18, 2016**

The committee reviewed the minutes of August 18, 2016 and accepted them as written.

**Motion to accept the minutes of August 18, 2016 as written.**

**Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Second: Enrique Gallardo**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Hernandez*

Elizabeth Ross reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). John McFeely indicated he would like to join the committee. He was recently appointed by the Mayor to the Partnership. At the next Partnership meeting, Mr. McFeely will be appointed to the Housing Committee.

**VII. Standing Business**

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs Update** *Roberto Tazoe*

The HOPWA program is going through some changes due to the legislative changes of the HOPWA program. Among other changes, the funding formula will no longer include PLWHA who are deceased. This information has been shared with the Getting to Zero Task Force Social and Support Services Committee. Although the long term impact of the formula change has not been determined, it is likely that there will be a decrease in funding. However, current HOPWA clients should not be affected. The Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is on client number 225. The STRMU program is still open but funding is almost expended. There are no contractors for the Lifequest or BAME housing units. Mr. Tazoe discussed the challenges faced by the HOPWA program to secure contractors and developers. If anyone knows a contractor, please have them call Alfredo Duran at (305) 416-1999. Mr. Tazoe will follow-up with Bethel Arms (BAME) on their status applying for housing tax credits.

There was some discussion on the focus groups that are being held by BSR for the County related to issues raised during the Needs Assessment. The committee would like BSR and Apple Tree Perspectives to cooperatively work together on identifying housing issues. The committee made a motion to direct the County to take into account the Housing Committee's Housing Needs Assessment when determining the housing needs in Miami-Dade County.

**Motion that the County consider the Housing Committee's Housing Needs Assessment survey when determining the housing needs of Miami-Dade County PLWHA's.**

**Moved: Jocelyn Jauregui**

**Second: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Partnership Report** *James Powell*

Mr. Powell reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

- **Letter Educating Commissioners on HOPWA Program changes** *Elizabeth Ross*

Ms. Ross reviewed the revised draft of the letter which was reviewed by the County Attorney. The committee revised the last line on the letter to read "...Commissioners **allocate Affordable Housing Trust funds to offset** the detrimental impact resulting from HOTMA and to address the growing need in Miami-Dade County".

**Motion to amend the letter with the suggested change and to recommend that the Partnership approve the letter with the change.**

**Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Second: Stephen Williams**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VIII. New Business.**

### **- 2015-16 Housing Needs Assessment Results**

*Alicia Apfel*

Alicia Apfel reviewed the select sections of the 2015-2016 Housing Needs Assessment Results (copy on file). The recommendations based on the survey were reviewed including the logic for removal of some prior recommendations. Final approval of the document will take place at the November meeting with recommendations being forwarded for Partnership approval at the December meeting. Ms. Apfel agreed to make a short PowerPoint presentation to the Partnership on the findings for the December meeting, once the committee approves the recommendations. Ms. Apfel also volunteered to provide BSR staff agenda items to discuss key findings and a short survey of housing needs.

## **IX. Announcements**

James Powell announced a Walgreen's program that fills your prescription at reduced cost.

Mr. Tazoe announced that the two HOPWA public hearings were cancelled because of the Hurricane Watch earlier in the month and will be rescheduled.

Stephen Williams suggested adding an agenda item for the next meeting, to discuss housing funding sources in Miami-Dade County.

## **X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be November 17, 2016 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

## **XI. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting.

### **Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Enrique Gallardo**

**Second: Carlos Laso**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.