



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
November 17, 2016 Minutes

Approved December 15, 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	McFeely, John	x	
11	Minino-Bogaert, Jose Antonio		x
12	Mitchell, Synthia		x
13	Powell, James L.	x	
14	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
15	Williams, April	x	
16	Williams, Stephen	x	
Quorum: 7			

Guests	
Alicia Apfel	
Lileus Hill	
Rob Collins	
Karen Alleyne	
Giselle Gallo	
Cameka Jefferson	
Kristyn Silverman	
Bruce Hanson	
Staff	
Marlen Meizoso	Karla Llarena
Dr. Robert Ladner	

I. Call to Order

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. without quorum. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Quorum was achieved at 2:23 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. Alecia Apfel is scheduled to present items but has a conflict in her schedule and will arrive later in the meeting. Staff suggested moving Ms. Apfel’s items to later in the agenda. Additionally, the new survey samples item will be removed from the agenda. The committee approved the agenda as discussed.

Motion to approve the agenda as discussed.

Moved: Roberto Tazoe

Second: John McFeely

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 October 20, 2016

The committee reviewed the minutes of October 20, 2016 and accepted them as written.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2016 as written.

Moved: Roberto Tazoe

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Hernandez

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). Mrs. Meizoso indicated John McFeely had been appointed to the Housing Committee. Additionally, two applicants were present, Karen Alleyne and Bruce Hanson. Ms. Alleyne presented herself and indicated that she works with the SFAN Housing component. Mr. Hanson introduced himself and indicated his interest in the committee. The committee made a motion to approve both applicants.

Motion to accept Bruce Hanson as a member of the Housing Committee.

Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

Motion to accept Karen Alleyne as member of the Housing Committee.

Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

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

There have been no changes since that last meeting; the Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is on client number 225. The City spoke to the STRMU provider and they still have some funding but have requested additional funds to finalize the year. The City will evaluate the feasibility of continuing the STRMU program in light of funding cuts next year. Life Quest permitting and plans are being done but no developers are on board yet.

The City fiscal year runs from October 1-September 30th.

The City is not sure when the award will be released; possibly a guidance may be released in April 2017.

- **Partnership Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

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

Alicia Apfel

Alicia Apfel reminded the committee that she went over the 2016 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendations in Response to Findings (copy on file) at the last meeting. She did review the recommendations page. Overall, better cross coordination needs to take place along the housing and care and treatment continuum. Ms. Apfel will present a PowerPoint presentation on the findings of the 2015-2016 Housing Needs Assessment at the December Partnership meeting. A committee member gave praise to the work of Apple Tree Perspectives and those involved in developing the survey and its results. The committee accepted the report and recommendations as presented.

Motion to accept the 2016 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendations in Response to Findings as presented.

Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman

Second: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

VIII. New Business.

- **Distribution of revised bylaws and discussion**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso distributed the new bylaws (copy on file) which were revised in August 2016 and reviewed the changes to the document. While the Housing Committee section was not changed, Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the duties and task of the Housing Committee.

- **Next steps in Partnership activities**

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Robert Ladner indicated that there may have been some misunderstandings about the BSR Housing Research as discussed at the last meeting, and provided some information to clarify BSR's role as directed by the Partnership Care and Treatment Committee, the Partnership, and the Grantee. Improvements in communication flow will need to be worked on between the Housing Committee and the Partnership. Dr. Ladner indicated that an additional Housing Needs Assessment was not being conducted. The Housing Committee and the Partnership need to synergistically work to find ways to address the problems identified in past Housing surveys for example, raising incomes or helping individuals find housing. The Getting to Zero Taskforce's Social and Support Committee is working on ways to address some of the problems. Programs such as SOAR should be accessed to gain disability for clients. Possible ideas include creating a resource inventory of housing, finding ways to interface landlords and provider networks. Develop mechanisms to create ways to alleviate problems. If Medical Case Managers knew what provider agencies could assist their clients with housing, they would refer them to these programs. Ms. Apfel indicated that in other parts of the nation the Medicaid program is looking into a pilot program to help individuals find housing. The housing continuum is being encouraged to move away from homelessness to stable housing.

Dr. Ladner outlined a three prong approach that could guide the Housing Committee in fulfilling its duties and assisting the Partnership 1) Develop a resource inventory for Housing which would be uploadable or hardcopy and would include eligibility requirements; 2) Improve referrals to agencies that can help; and 3) Identify ancillary services that can assist clients make their difficult situations more tolerable, e.g. mental health services. The first item can be jointly developed by the Housing Committee with some input from staff and the second item entails improvements in training. The Part A program Medical Case Management trainings are held monthly and if resources are made available the case managers can be trained on these. Dr. Ladner indicated that the next Getting to Zero Task Force Committee meeting will be held on December 9th. Any recommendations made would go to the main Task Force on January 20th.

- **Resources for Housing**

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Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the housing resources in the meeting documents which included a copy of the Miami Dade County Public Housing and Community Development webpage and information from the South Florida Behavioral Health (SFBH) manual on Housing (copy on file). Unfortunately, the SFBH manual information is outdated since the homeless resources were consolidated into a central intake. The information provided on the Public Housing page is updated and current. A link with the website will be added to the Partnership website.

Motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes.

Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman Second: Enrique Gallardo Motion: Passed
Opposed: John McFeely

John McFeely volunteered to approach Habitat for Humanity as a private citizen to see what they could do in improving affordable housing. Mr. McFeely was advised that he can't indicate he is representing the Housing Committee nor Partnership, since he has not been authorized to speak on their behalf. He will bring back information to the next meeting.

More set asides for affordable housing are needed, as well as policies that address vulnerable populations. Long term housing is a reliable predictor of improve health care which translate into less dollars spent elsewhere by systems. Staff will bring the Housing Needs Assessment approved at today's meeting and some outcome data to the next Getting to Zero taskforce Social and Support Services committee meeting since they are working on potential housing issues and policy changes.

Some members felt that that politicians need to come to the meetings to talk about Housing issues.

Motion to invite a lieutenant/deputy Mayor, and a representative from Senator Rene Garcia's office and cc Mayor to come to the January Housing Committee meeting to discuss Housing Strategies for the County.

Moved: Stephen Williams Second: Pauline Clarke-Trotman Motion: Passed

- 2017 Meeting Dates

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso shared the meeting dates for 2017 (copy on file) which are tentatively scheduled for the same location.

IX. Announcements

No announcements.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 15, 2016 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

XI. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman Second: Stephen Williams Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.