



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 December 16, 2016**

The committee reviewed the minutes of December 16, 2016 and approved them as presented.

**Motion to accept the minutes of December 16, 2016 as presented.**

**Moved: John McFeely**

**Second: James Ausborn**

**Motion: Passed**

#### **VI. Special Presentation**

*Alicia Apfel*

Alicia Apfel reviewed some housing stability and needs data presented at the prior meeting for the benefit of the guest attending the meeting today (copies on file). Additionally, the data insert sent with the County Commissioner letters sent earlier in the year was also reviewed. Individuals with stable housing tend to have better health outcome. Based on housing surveys 62% of income is spent on housing for a single person. HOPWA funding is also likely to get cut with the changes to the formula calculation.

#### **VII. Responses, Questions and Answers from official guests**

Mr. Powell welcomed Ms. Christina Salinas Cotter and thanked her for attending today's meeting. Ms. Salinas Cotter thanked the committee for their invitation. She indicated the County has limited resources and funding. The County did not get 100% of the HUD formula allocation. Current allocation is 14% less than what it should be. There is a preference list of special populations for Section 8 and public housing which include elderly, disabled, homeless, and homeless vets. Certain unit set-aside to dedicated groups in County owned building is a possibility. Request for special preference might be an option to consider. The County can partner with other organizations such as Florida Housing to get more low income units, since more are needed. Every year the County also does a workshop with developers who go out for housing grants; it may be good idea to discuss early housing needs at that time. In terms of plans to increase funding, HUD encourages public/private partnerships which could (for example) be used to redevelop properties and add more units of housing. The County has several such joint partnership projects in the works. Currently, Liberty Square is the largest redevelopment of the private/public sector. There are 3-4 projects which are in the works to go online within the next 3-5 years. The County also owns some lands bought with CBDG funds which need to be looked at to see if housing can be created on these properties. The County also creates a five-year plan for public housing, renewed yearly, during which additional input can be provided. A yearly public comment session is held. County RFAs have clauses that require developers to show on applications that they can follow through and complete projects. An affordable housing list is also maintained by the County and can be forwarded to staff. Project-based vouchers are capped at 20%, per HUD. But the hope is to expand usage within the next 2-3 years. Various models are being explored to see how best to reopen the Section 8 waitlist.

#### **VIII. Membership**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed and explained the vacancy report (copy on file). If anyone is interested in filling any of the vacancies, they can contact her or Elizabeth Ross at BSR. She also indicated Stephen Williams was terming off at the end of this meeting.

#### **IX. 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. An RFP is being released for a several City of Miami's Community Development housing services, with a start date of October 1, 2017. Workshops are being held regarding the RFP, details of which are in today's meeting packet (copy on file).

- **Partnership Report**

*James Ausborn*

James Ausborn reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

**X. New Business.**

- **Chair Second Term Election**

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that James Powell was eligible for a second term as chair and had indicated his interest. The committee voted and re-elected him for a second term.

**Motion to accept the ballot as presented.**

**Moved: James Ausborn**

**Second: April Williams**

**Motion: Passed**

**XI. Announcements**

Staff reviewed the New To Care Clients report for September and October 2016, and the calendars for February and March 2016 (copy on file).

The committee wanted to note they were very disappointed that the representatives from Senator Rene Garcia's office did not come to the meeting. A thank you letter should be provided to Ms. Salinas Cotter for attending the meeting.

**XII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 16, 2017 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.