



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
February 16, 2017 Minutes

Approved March 16, 2017

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Alleyne, Karen	x	
2	Alonso, Eddie		x
3	Ausborn, James	x	
4	Clarke-Trotman, Pauline		x
5	Gallardo, Enrique	x	
6	Hanson, Bruce		x
7	Howell, Jonathan	x	
8	Jauregui, Jocelyn		x
9	Laso, Carlos	x	
10	Malone, Tatiana		x
11	McFeely, John	x	
12	Minino-Bogaert, Jose Antonio		x
13	Mitchell, Synthia		x
14	Powell, James L.	x	
15	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
16	Williams, April		x
Quorum: 7			

Guests	
Rob Collins	
Patera Robinson	
Marise Fils A. Polycarpe	
Ada Martinez	
Staff	
Marlen Meizoso	

I. Call to Order

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

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

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda as presented. .

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: John McFeely Second: Enrique Gallardo 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 January 19, 2017

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 19, 2017. A correction was noted on page 3 that an “e” was missing so the word should be “note” in the second sentence under announcements.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 19, 2017 as noted.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed and explained the vacancy report (copy on file). If anyone is interested in filling any of the committee vacancies, they can contact staff.

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. Another agency seems interested in the Bethel Arms project. This agency has other funding and the project may be able to move forward. The STRMU program is open until March 31st. Because of possible funding cuts the STRMU program will not be continued. In the calendar year, about 100 clients have been helped by STRMU. Assistance is capped at up to 26 weeks in a 52 week period.

- **Partnership Report** *James Ausborn*

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

VIII. New Business

- **Special Presentation: Miami-Dade County HAND Program** *Ada Martinez*

Ada Martinez from the Citrus Health Network HAND program provided a presentation on the application process, program eligibility, type of assistance offered and income limits (copy on file). The HAND program receives funding from various sources and provides assistance to low income individuals. The type of assistance varies from initial moving cost, to first and last month’s deposit, deposits of utilities, assistance with storage/moving, help with furniture, and back rent through eviction less than 4 months. Referrals can come from The Homeless Trust and Community Action agencies. The program does not cover legal fees or rent back fees. Affordability of units and a hardship must be proven. HAND can assist with deposits only for other programs e.g. Section 8, HOPWA, etc. The caveat is that authorization to change dwellings must be proven for these programs.

- **Habitat for Humanity** *John McFeely*

John McFeely indicated he contacted Habitat for Humanity to gather more information on their programs that assist with individuals becoming homeowners. He will provide more information at the next meeting.

IX. Announcements

Staff reviewed the new to care clients report for November, calendars for March and April, and National AIDS Housing Coalition call to action notice (copies on file). She also indicated Rob Collins left some HOPE Inc newsletters in the back which detailed some of the work the organization does to fight housing discrimination.

X. Next Meeting

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

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: James Ausborn

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.