



**Housing Committee Meeting**  
**Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79<sup>nd</sup> Street,**  
**Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150**  
**April 20, 2017 Minutes**

*Approved May 18, 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	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	
<b>Quorum: 6</b>			

Guests	
Patera Robinson	
Alicia Apfel	
Stephen Williams	
Ashley Moncrieft	
Staff	
Marlen Meizoso	

(\* ) absent per Sections 2-11.39, Miami-Dade County Code, which stipulates that a person who shows up for a meeting of a Miami-Dade County Board or other officially convened body and who does not stay for at least 75% of the duration of the meeting of the Board shall be considered absent from the meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Mr. Powell identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. BSR staff reviewed the Code of Conduct with the committee and will include it as a standing item on the agenda in future meetings.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda as presented.

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

**Moved: James Ausborn**

**Second: April Williams**

**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 March 17, 2017

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 17, 2017. Stephen Williams was present but his name was not included on the attendance roster. The committee accepted the minutes with the change noted.

**Motion to accept the minutes of March 17, 2017 with the change noted.**

**Moved: Karen Alleyne**

**Second: James Ausborn**

**Motion: Passed**

#### VI. Membership

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso announced that Jocelyn Jauregui had resigned. She also reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file).

#### VII. Standing Business

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

Roberto Tazoe indicated that there has not been much movement in the program and the LTRA waitlist number is still 225. Congress still has not approved the budget. Some news is expected by the end of April.

The Lifequest project is being undertaken by the City of Miami Community Development Department.

Bethel Arms has a new developer interested in the project but funding has not been defined. BAME has not submitted a proposal since they need to find additional monies for construction. The City of Miami would provide operation cost for the site.

The current budget year began April 1, 2016 and ends on September 30, 2017 is 18 months long.

The Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU) program was concluded on March 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no funding for the program this year.

- *Housing Needs Assessment Short Survey Review*

Alicia Apfel reviewed a revised Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS Housing Survey (copy on file). The survey was reduced to six pages. The committee reviewed the survey page by page and made several suggestions to clarify language. Ms. Apfel will make the recommended changes and start distribution of the survey shortly. Results should be available by the late summer.

Quorum was lost at 3:35 p.m.

- *Follow-up Steps with PHS Presentation*

Discussion on the topic was postponed for the next meeting since quorum was lost.

#### VIII. New Business

None.

**IX. Announcements**

Staff reviewed the new to care clients report for January, needs assessment flyer, Habitat for Humanity information, Hialeah section 8 flyer, changes to May and June calendar (copies on file)

Mr. Tazoe referenced the HOPWA hearings flyer (copy on file). The last hearing is scheduled for April 26.

Carlos Laso announced that the Homestead Housing Authority will be opening their Section 8 program shortly. Staff will look up the information and share with the committee.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 18, 2017 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 3:44 p.m.