



**Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
April 21, 2016 Minutes**

Approved May 19, 2016

| # | Members | Present | Absent |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Alonso, Eddie | x | |
| 2 | Ausborn, James | x | |
| 3 | Brooks, Jimmie | x | |
| 4 | Clarke-Trotman, Pauline | x | |
| 5 | Fiol, Nicole | | x |
| 6 | Gallardo, Enrique | x | |
| 7 | Howell, Jonathan | x | |
| 8 | Jauregui, Jocelyn | | x |
| 9 | Laso, Carlos | x | |
| 10 | Malone, Tatiana | x | |
| 11 | Minino-Bogaert, Jose Antonio | | x |
| 12 | Mitchell, Synthia | x | |
| 13 | Morales, Felicita | | x |
| 14 | Powell, James L. | x | |
| 15 | Tazoe, Roberto | | x |
| 16 | Williams, April | x | |
| 17 | Williams, Stephen | x | |
| Quorum: 7 | | | |

| Guests | |
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| Patera Robinson | |
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| Staff | |
| Marlen Hernandez | |

I. Call to Order

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

James Ausborn identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. Roberto Tazoe was ill and could not make the meeting. Staff will provide an update based on the items presented at the Partnership.

Motion to approve the agenda with the changed noted.

Moved: James Ausborn

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

James 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 21, 2016

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 21, 2016 and accepted them as written.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 21, 2016 as written.

Moved: Stephen Williams

Second: Jimmie Brooks

Motion: Passed

VI. Standing Business

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Update** *Marlen Hernandez*
for Roberto Tazoe
- The Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is on client number 200. Progress on the waitlist will be slower this year.
- The fiscal year has been changed; this year's fiscal year will be 18 months long.
- The STRMU program is ongoing.
- Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church as met with a not-for-profit developer to discuss rehabilitation of the building. Once the City of Miami receives their proposal they will provide an update.
- A housing developer is interested in the Life Quest apartments.
- The Price-Aderhold Amendment was passed by the House of Representatives which would modernize the formula for the HOPWA program (copy on file). There may be financial repercussions if the amendment passes the Senate but its affect locally are not know. Further details can be asked at next month's meeting.
- **Partnership Report** *James Powell*

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

VII. New Business.

- **Homeless Trust Presentation** *Carlos Laso*

Carlos Laso from the Homeless Trust provided a presentation on the referral process to the Homeless Trust. He referenced the Miami-Dade County news release which indicated that there were fewer homeless people reported during the January point-in-time study (copy on file). All individuals who are homeless go through centralized processing. A client must call a City of Miami outreach team at 305-960-4980 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 1-877-994-4357 anytime. The outreach team will come out to the client and do an assessment (VI-SPDAT-Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool). All clients must have a specific score in order to qualify for housing. Families must score a nine or higher to qualify for housing. For families, if a shelter is not available they may be placed in a motel/hotel until shelter is available. If the client is single, during the assessment they must score a ten or higher. Shelters are full most of the time so they would be placed on a waitlist until a shelter opens.

The Homeless Trust also does transitional housing. Assistance can last up to two years which is the allotted time to have clients become self sufficient.

Rapid rehousing assistance can be up to one year but is usually reserved for families.

Priority is being giving to veterans for programs. Vets can receive assistance at 1492 West Flagler.

Per HUD guidance the focus in on ending chronic homelessness.

There are currently 400 people on the waitlist.

- **Educating Partnership and Stakeholders about Housing**

Marlen Hernandez

Marlen Hernandez explained that in the past there have been discussion on housing needs and the Partnership and stakeholders could benefit from some information. She reviewed the aidsnet.org Housing links on the website. The website has been revised but not all the information has migrated to the new location. A new page just dedicated to housing information will be set up. Links on the Homeless Trust, the housing locators, LIHEAP, and the HOPWA program were reviewed. The STRMU flyer should be posted on the new webpage. And it was recommended to reorganize the links and possibly add a description introducing the links. A disclaimer will also be added indicating no assistance is being offered only information.

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the HOPWA 2017 Summary of Statement and Initiatives and the last three years of housing needs assessment recommendations (copy on file). She recommended the committee review the documents and be prepared to provide some points for a possible letter to the Partnership and stakeholders on housing.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the clients new to care for March, April vacancy report, 2016 Needs Assessment and Community Input flyers, and May and June calendars (copy on file).

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 19, 2016 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

X. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Stephen Williams

Second: James Ausborn

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.