

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County Human and Veteran

Services Virtual Meeting

March 13, 2024

Members Present: Barbara Short – CareerSource SWFL
Michael Overway – Lee County Homeless Coalition
Joseph Rea – Centerstone
Terryn Bach-Acheamfour – Salvation Army
Luella Richardson – Veteran Affairs
Tom Felke – FGCU
Linda Hafner - United Way
Carolyn Johnson - Goodwell Industries SWFL
Alex Olivares - Catholic Charites

Human and Veterans

Services Staff Present: Jami Browder
Kathryn Beattie
Catilyn Roberts
Juan Albino

I. Call to Order

Jami Browder, HVS and Carolyn Johnson, Chair

- a. Welcome and Board Roll Call
 - Jami Browder reviewed the list of attendees. She stated there were enough members present for quorum.
- b. Members Absent with/without Excuse.
 - Marcia Davis (City of Fort Myers Housing Authority) absent without an excuse.
 - Erin DallaCosta (Lee County School District) absent without an excuse.
 - Arlene Goldberg (Visuality) absent without an excuse.
 - Carl Baxter (BCW Consulting) absent without an excuse.
 - Daniel Kruse (Providence Family Life Center) absent without an excuse.
 - Jennifer Nelson (City of Cape Coral) absent without an excuse.
 - Sheryl Soukup (Residential Options of Florida ROOF) absent without an excuse.
 - Amber Hentz (CEO) absent without an excuse.
 - Jessica Cosden (City of Cape Coral) absent without an excuse.
 - Mary Grubbs (Center for Progress and Excellence) absent without an excuse.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes*(January)

Carolyn Johnson, Chair

ACTION: Michael Overway made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 10th, 2024. Barbara Short seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. HVS, CE and Outreach Activities

Jami Browder, HVS

- Jason Coleman is no longer with HVS. Any questions on outreach or coordinated entry direct to Jami Browder.

- Staff has been working with Center for progress and excellence to get clients relocated to Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. Center for Progress and Excellence will be closing March 31st, 2024. Discussion was had on getting a team together to fill the void of the shelter closing.

IV. Lee County Homeless Coalition – General CoC Membership Update

Michael Overway

- January to December 2023, 17 new CoC Members have been added.
- In January 2024, a few more have been added.
- FCH conference will be held on October 14-16th, 2024 held at the Hilton in Disney Springs
- Lee County Homeless Coalition has officially moved to their Lehigh office. Open house will be in the beginning of April.
- The General CoC Membership meeting will be March 21st, 2024. The meeting will be hybrid. It will be Broadcasting on teams and in person at Centerstone. The presentation will be on lived expertise.

V. Policy Discussion/Schedule

a. Chair and Vice Chair terms, Renewal of Governing Board Members and Conflict of Interest/Code of Conduct, pages 12-17 of the Governance Charter

- Discussions were had on renewal of governing board members.

ACTION: Alex Olivares motioned to approve pages 12- 17 of the governance charter. Terry Bach-Acheamfour seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

b. Schedule of Policy Review for Grant Application

- Policy review will be done at an April meeting, date to be determined.

VI. Motion to establish a Legislative Advocacy Committee

- Discussion was done on establishing a Legislative Advocacy Committee. Jami Browder is going to speak with Lee County BOCC. Further discussion and/or decision will be made at next CoC meeting.

VII. Motion to replace Kim Hustad on Governing Board

- Discussion was had to replace Kim Hustad with Catilyn Roberts on CoC governing board.

ACTION: Joseph Rea motioned to approve Catilyn Roberts as a member of the Governing Board. Michael Overway seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VIII. Public Comment:

- No Comments

IX. Adjourn - Next CoC Governing Board Meeting

Carolyn Johnson, Chair

- Next meeting will be May 8th, 2024.

ACTION: Joseph Rea motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Overway seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

***Item Needing Action**

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