

# Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc.

## Continuum of Care (COC) Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

**DATE OF MEETING:** MARCH 23, 2023

**LOCATION:** PUBLIC UTILITIES BUILDING, LAND O LAKES/COTTEE TRAINING ROOM

**TIME STARTED:** 9:45A.M.      **TIME ENDED:** 11:02A.M.

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	ERIC MUNROE	ERIN NEWBERRY	JOHNATHAN MONTALVO
GREG ARMSTRONG	DON ANDERSON	DAVID MILLER	TED MAIN
CARLA CRAIG	ELIZABETH RHODES	MELISSA GILES	JACKIE GRENON
JEFF SKLET	CHRISTINE SANTANA	KAYE HOWARD	JAMES SUTHERLIN
WANDA MARTINEZ	YOLANDA HOWELL	PATTI TEMPLTON	DAVID CONLEY
RON RHODES	SENECA HOWARD	CHRISTINE LONG	MARK EBEL
KAREN BARFIELD	GEOFF HARLAN	BEN ORTBERG	TRANG CHITAKONE
GUILENE THEODORE	TONI VARELA	ROSANNE SMITHWICK	CHRISTA LONGO
THOMAS O'CONNOR BRUNO	TRANG CHITAKONE	MARY KATE NAGLITSCH	MARK WICKHAM
<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Greg Armstrong (Chair arrived late due to high traffic in area) The meeting started at 9:23 by Don Anderson. Information on initiatives and shelter planning discussed only.		
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Introductions All		
<b>MINUTES</b>	Need to be approved at next meeting.		
<b>UPDATE INITIATIVES</b>	Don Anderson: Discussed Affordable Housing Committee being led by David Lambert to improve stock of affordable rental properties.  Jeff Sklet: Coalition, County, PCHA and USF engaging with USF to form a study. USF to hold an affordable housing class in the fall. One of the projects will be to work on a plan for Pasco County.  Don Anderson: Pasco County Opioid Task Force, meeting Monday morning at BOCC, significant monies in an effort to have service oriented centers on the streets to address this. More information on the county's website.		
<b>TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SHELTER PLANNING</b>	Don Anderson: COC and County identified building in location without residential properties infringing on it, currently held in a trust and Greg Armstrong will be meeting in Washington in April with current owner for possibility of purchase for a low barrier single shelter that could also house organizations to assist within the shelter. Would require significant renovations. Today the county does not invest any money from general revenue into addressing homelessness in the county, but appears to be in support of this. Early stages but holds some promise.		

	<p>Looked at properties on Mile Stretch owned by the Diocese of St. Petersburg, prices far beyond anything reasonable.</p> <p>Don Aderson: Looking at Tampa Hope model. Catholic Charities has expressed interest in expanding in Pasco. Impressive and Catholic Charities will provide tours if desired.</p>
<p><b>PIT COUNT UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Thomas O'Connor Bruno:</p> <p>PIT unsheltered count performed for evening of 1/23/23. Many individuals refused survey, but HUD requires we include. Sheltered count has been completed. Due to HUD end of next week, but due to late opening HUD may extend. The unsheltered count will fall between the "range" of 350-500. Nearly an even split between males and females. Thank you to outreach for collecting information. After the next leadership council meeting, when open to the public, we will have all the data to present, currently we are in full analysis. It will have been submitted to HUD and will be posted on the Coalition website.</p> <p>Kaye Howard: Does this cover all of Pasco? Thomas O'Connor Bruno: Yes, entire area.</p> <p>Seneca Howard: Contact with a Veteran and looking for services to assist. Melissa Giles: Christine Santana and Melissa Giles will connect with Mr. Howard after meeting to gather Veteran information to assist.</p>
<p><b>COC FOCUS AND DIRECTION</b></p>	<p>Greg Armstrong: Asked for members to define COC.</p> <p>David Miller: A compilation of all small agencies grouping together to solve the same issue. Hearing "ask the coalition" is all of us, not the coalition.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: Why is the problem worse? Seneca Howard: Economics, substance abuse, trauma, health, and housing.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: STRESS. What as a COC are we supposed to do? Roseanne Smithwick: Coordinating Mary Kate Naglitsch: Go to BOCC meetings. Guilene Theodore: Collaborate and innovate. Homelessness prevention needs to be addressed. Greg Armstrong: COC set up due to HUD regulations and funding. HUD does not fund us to prevent homelessness. But there is state funding.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: What is the school's definition of homeless? Erin Newberry: Removing the barriers to education. Many students lack an adequate nighttime residence.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: I have found that what other locations and states do to try to prevent homelessness is train as many people as they can, on "what to do if I am about to become homeless"? Need to put a committee together to implement training.</p> <p>Seneca Howard: We need more funding, resources, housing. Greg Armstrong: Why training would be so important and why a committee needs to be put together.</p> <p>Need committees: Building on US19 and training for "what to do if I become homeless" and maybe more.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: Based on an individual at the last membership meeting, no disparaging of group or any individual will happen within these meetings, all will be treated with respect.</p>

	<p>Don Anderson: Training needed for what is the COC, what does it do, what does HUD homeless mean.</p>
<p><b>BNL UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Melissa Giles: Report on current By Name List (BNL).</p> <p>Brief review of CE and process.</p> <p>Currently there are: 160 individuals, eighteen adult families, twenty families with minors. Total number of households 198. Total 273 individuals.</p> <p>Rosanne Smithwick: How long does someone stay on the BNL list?</p> <p>Melissa Giles: Explained how people come off and on BNL-90 days service exits.</p> <p>David Conley: Is the 198 inclusive of Veterans.</p> <p>Melissa Giles: No. Approximately 10 on Veteran BNL, but Veteran list is cleared off quickly.</p> <p>Thomas O'Connor Bruno: Explanation of funds and how they can be used. Gap in system. Explained housing surge, pushed 250-300 Households, took on highest need individuals to SVdP at one time. Gap in referral time slowed due to CM funding and availability.</p>
<p><b>COMMITTEE UPDATES</b></p>	<p><b>Coordinated Entry</b></p> <p>Don Anderson: JohnPaul Comas is the chair of Coordinated Entry committee, Committee is currently working on Policy and procedures to revise and edit where needed. Draft for review to COC within 30 days.</p> <p><b>Outreach and Unsheltered Homeless</b></p> <p>Sword and Spoon/David Miller: Landscape has changed over time, construction, trespass new people. We do have some movement on the list, incredibly busy locating individuals on the BNL. Good news. Consistently finding new people, many highly vulnerable.</p> <p>Mark Ebel: Due to movement it is more difficult to find when looking for clients.</p> <p>Greg Armstrong: Outreach has single hardest and most important jobs. Need to build trust with individuals. A lot of movement and areas being dissolved.</p> <p>Seneca Howard: Do we work with sheriff, outreach during these moves?</p> <p>Kaye Howard: Can there be a connection with coalition and sheriff's office.</p> <p>Don Anderson: Yes, standard operating procedure.</p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>Don Anderson: There is a plan, started with GAPS analysis, order of priorities with actionable items. Would like to recommend to Greg and the leadership council that we do a training with FHC on COC structure and activities. Need a committee to see if plan is active and working on it to be completed.</p> <p>Rosanne Smithwick: Who is going to gather the data to tell us if we are meeting the benchmarks set?</p> <p>Don Anderson: That would be work of the coalition staff using HMIS as well as the efforts of the outreach team.</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Thomas O'Connor Bruno: Poverty Simulation. Pre-Covid, purchased and ready to go for trial run in April 2020. Since on hold. Coalition Working with St. Leo's University, conduct one of</p>

	<p>these simulations. Thomas O'Connor Bruno will be done with facilitator training and looking to run this simulation for a trial run. Looking for volunteers for a trial run. After the trial run, would like to bring in larger policy makers and commissioners to see how difficult it is. May, June for trial run, shoot for end of year for full simulation. Reach out to Thomas for involvement.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>COC general membership and leadership council training:  Don Anderson: Amanda Wander is not in attendance , will be at May 18, 2023 meeting for COC training, CE mandates, HUD NOFA process and governing charter and speaking to strategic plan.</p> <p>Rosanne Smithwick: Thinking out of the box. Explanation of carefully regulated shared housing being used for elderly and elderly families in other areas, specifically discussing model of the Shared Housing Sarasota model. There is a National Shared Housing Resource Guide. Asking for a group to help form a committee to move forward with this plan.</p> <p>Mary Kate: What is happening with the cold weather shelters? What is the temperature?  Don Anderson: Brian Hoben with county human services and OCN is involved, so it is on the radar. 36 degrees for four hours or longer.  Greg Armstrong: Not just cold weather but we have to think about hurricanes.</p> <p>Continuity of Services:  Patti Templeton/OCN, Introduction of self and agency One community now. Would like more committee meetings, expanding truly being a community. Looking at other areas that work on zero homelessness success/zero functionality.</p> <p>Model Built for Zero and shared 5 points they talk about:  1. Clear definition of what we are trying to accomplish,  2. Assembly and accountability of community wide effort.  3. BNL is the way to go, but would like to see more access points so as to not turn down clients that come to the office for assessment. OCN is limited in doing intakes for families but if OCN has a single individual come in OCN has to call outreach. The issue is with having a person that made an effort to get to one place has to go to another place. Don Anderson and David Miller stated that outreach will go to the individual. OCN has not had that experience as OCN has been told they have to go to outreach. This was reiterated by Don Anderson and David Miller that that is not correct.  4. Focusing on racial inequality and discrimination.  5. Target shared housing.  Looking at COC putting pressure on new developments coming into county.</p> <p>Don Anderson: Appreciate OCN and work they do for Stand Down. We have members from faith-based communities in attendance. We have a comprehensive document in the strategic plan, and we can expand on this living breathing document.  Greg Armstrong: Form a committee for this and asked Patti/OCN to chair the collaboration and involvement of committee to put the pieces together.</p> <p>Kaye Howard: Commend Patti Templeton/OCN for inviting new ideas and opportunities.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>Trang Chitakone: There will be a presentation today at 2:30 at Starkey Park library for the Infectious Disease Elimination Program/Needle Exchange Program for Pasco County.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNED</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.....Next meeting, Executive Committee Meeting. Thursday April 27, 2023, at 9:00 am. Location: Galen Wilson</p>