

# Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc.

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

**DATE OF MEETING:** JANUARY 23, 2025

**LOCATION:** ZOOM CONFERENCE

**TIME STARTED:** 10:04 A.M.      **TIME ENDED:** 11:46 A.M.

ATTENDANCE			
JENNIFER WATTS	LAURA EVARALL	DAVID MILLER	YVONNE KELLY MONTELL
HEATHER RIVERA	ELIZABETH RHODES	MELISSA GILES	MARCY ESBJERG
VICKI WIGGINS	ERIC MUNROE	ERICA SMITH	AMANDA WANDER
KATHY HUNT	HILARY BRUNO	JESSICA KING	DAVID CONLEY
CATHY PEARSON	BARBARA KLEINSORGE	CHRISTINE LONG	LATOYA CHAUNCEY
CHRISTA LONGO	ROSANNE SMITHWICK	BEN ORTBERG	TRANG CHITAKONE
THOMAS O'CONNOR BRUNO			
AGENDA	ACTIONS		
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Rosanne Smithwick		
MINUTES	Approval of December 2024 Leadership Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by: Christine Long Motion seconded by: Christa Longo No Opposition		
COMMITTEE UPDATES	<b>Strategic Planning</b>  <b>Marcy Esbjerg:</b> If you are at all into planning or coming up with new and creative ideas this is the group to be in. Last month we focused on master leasing, so we were very pleased to have Geoff Harlan join us and talk about what his committee is doing and talk about some strategies as we move forward. In the last two months we have dealt with permanent supportive housing and ways to educate the community and encourage other community agencies to be involved, and we did the same thing with master leasing. And how we can set up a pilot program or ways to put together best practices so that agencies can step in and be a part of it.  <b>Outreach and Unsheltered Homeless</b>  <b>David Miller:</b> We have been busy with the PIT count this month, so we look forward to our next meeting next month. <b>Thomas O'Connor Bruno:</b> We have been planning the PIT count which will begin next week. Outreach has strategized all the locations they need to go to. Some agencies have volunteered some of their staff time, but the majority of surveys are being done by our outreach teams.  <b>HMIS</b>  <b>Thomas O'Connor Bruno:</b> Our focus was on the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA). It turns out most people in the nation had issues submitting it. We did submit and on time. It did lead to some other data clean up. Also, we had a shift from a system admin position. Aimee Barth is no longer contracted with Sarasota/Manatee for system admin work. New individual on board.		

	<p><b>Christine Long:</b> Aimee Barth has come to Metropolitan Ministries as HMIS person so she can be available if you need something.</p> <p><b>Coordinated Entry</b></p> <p><b>Melissa Giles:</b> Met on January 8, 2025. Focus on getting 211 back into the county with proper resources and having good and updated information for the Pasco County area. Hilary took up the reins on this.</p> <p><b>Hilary:</b> My team is working on this. Lynn is leading the 211 brigade. We will get a better update from her.</p> <p><b>Master Leasing</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer Watts:</b> We went over some documents that Amanda Wander is helping us to create for sample Master Leasing agreement and a trifold to use as a marketing tool for Landlords and tenants. Ben Ortberg from United Way and Christine Long from Metropolitan Ministries continue to offer good insight into how we can further implement it. We would like to put in an application for a master leasing pilot program to community development by this spring.</p>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF NEW LC MEMBERS</b>	<p><b>Positions</b></p> <p><b>David Conley</b>-Veterans  <b>Heather Rivera</b>-Unsheltered  <b>Vicki Wiggins</b>-Chamber of Commerce</p>
<b>BNL REPORT</b>	<p><b>Thomas O'Connor Bruno:</b> Spreadsheet and numbers provided. Changed data to be pulled for complete months for better accuracy which helps to match up with quarterly reports given to Marcy Esbjerg upon request. Also pulling half months to show at COC meetings what is currently happening.</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Grand BLVD Property-Pasco Hope</b></p> <p><b>Marcy Esbjerg:</b> There are approximately thirty units being used at Grand Blvd and six families at Youth Lane with two assessable units that are being used. We have eight people left in the hotels. A lot of our seniors have lost their mobile homes. The five hundred new units for seniors coming on board start at \$900.00 and are not affordable for many seniors, so this is a big need.</p> <p><b>Cathy Pearson:</b> Working on transitioning the Grand Blvd. location to a homeless shelter. We have to wait six months so as to not jeopardize our FEMA reimbursement. That will bring us to the end of March, beginning of April. Meeting with Catholic Charities February 14, 2025.</p> <p><b>Trang Chitakone:</b> Can we tour the Grand Blvd property?  Cathy Pearson: Yes. You can plan a tour with Danielle Husband at Catholic Charities.</p> <p><b>David Conley:</b> Can we consider designating beds for Veterans?  Cathy Pearson: We will discuss it during the February meeting. This will be up to Catholic Charities.</p> <p><b>Marcy Esbjerg:</b> Showers and bathrooms will remain on site. The kitchen will not. Due to the way the property is set up, there will be discussions on fencing, cameras, and a possible guard house.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Gaps Analysis:</b>  <b>Amanda Wander:</b> Provided PowerPoint presentation on Pasco County COC of Gaps and Needs Analysis Summary reviewed and discussed.</p>

	<p>This is the second time this has been done for the Pasco Community and a lot of improvement and progress has been made.</p> <p>Presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Analysis Overview and Methodology</li><li>2. Key Insights</li><li>3. Local Housing Crisis Response System and Affordable housing Access</li><li>4. Funding Overview</li><li>5. System Performance</li></ol> <p>A full written report for review will be sent next week. It is not a final report. Anything you need clarity on or hoping to see please let me know. Important so I can make the document as usable as possible for your community.</p> <p><b>Funding Update from PCCD</b></p> <p><b>Hilary Bruno:</b> Pasco has been awarded ESG RUSH funds (rapid unsheltered survivor housing) 771,550.00. It is pure ESG, except for the fact that no match is required. Funds have been recaptured from other communities and recycled and rewarded to us. Funds deployed in 45 days. Tomorrow, there is a public hearing at 3pm in the office and online. Applications for these funds opening Monday January 27, 2025, and are due February 6, 2025. Meeting on February 13, 2025, and project list over to BCC on February 19, 2025, and approved by BCC on February 25, 2025, for projects to start March 1, 2025. This is a 19-month agreement that will go until Sept 30, 2026. This funding will be used for those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and living in area before hurricanes and whose needs are not met by FEMA programs. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing should be the focus. Able to support HH up to 24 months, this requirement is already in ESG but is waved so we can support these households for up to 36 months. If they have already begun receiving assistance they can get another 24 months. FMR is waived, and also ESG limited assistance to units where program participants were not renting directly from owner or owners' agent now waived as long as there is a legally binding lease, they can help with sub leases.</p> <p>Regular funds: Grant kick off public notice will be advertised January 29, 2025. Meetings are March 6, 2025, at 2:30 or March 7, 2025, at 9:30 and applications will open on March 10, 2025. Applications are due on March 28, 2025, and the review committee will be meeting in the middle of May. This will go back to the BCC on August 6, 2025.</p>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p><b>Christine Long provided in Chat.</b></p> <p>In September. Our new Childcare center will be opening up in April! The address is the same. We added an extension to our original building. I am happy to get tours for anyone interested! Please come and see!</p> <p><b>Trang Chitakone:</b> In a couple of weeks, we will be hosting our first community health fair. Health screening and free services. This will be at the parking lot of the new building on SR 52.</p> <p><b>Marcy Esbjerg:</b> My role in county government is going to be changing very quickly. I have been tapped to start the new CBGDR program. We have been in the process of hiring an assistant director, so now a director as well. Most likely 50-60% of these funds will be used for affordable housing and 15% of funds can be used for planning.</p>

	<p><b>Thomas O'Connor Bruno:</b> HUD NOFO COC competition results have come out however we are not included. We qualified for an extension so HUD has told us we will find out within the next month when the next release comes out. Seeing a lot of Bonus/DV projects being rewarded.</p> <p><b>Christine Long:</b> TECO funding received. Please send any requests for assistance to Metropolitan Ministries outreach offices to quickly address shortages related to electric bills.</p> <p><b>Jennifer Watts:</b> Karen Norris, who represents local law enforcement with Leadership Council, is no longer with NPR police. According to the charter, that seat will remain vacant until the next person is voted in at the next annual meeting. Would like to approach the sheriff's office again to see if they will reconsider putting a representative with us and then start filling that position with local law enforcement. Would like to continue to get more east Pasco representation, maybe Zephyrhills police department.</p> <p><b>Christa Longo:</b> BayCare to open up first urgent care behavioral health facility in the state of Florida. Waiting for some inspections. This will be on the BayCare main campus off King Helie Blvd. Will update when I have more information.</p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	None
<b>ADJOURNED</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am. Motion to adjourn by Marcy Esbjerg, seconded by David Conley.</p> <p>Next meeting, Leadership Council Meeting. February 27, 2025, Location: Harvester Community Church, 2432 Collier Pkwy, Land O lakes, FL, 34639</p>