

Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc.

Continuum of Care (COC) General Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

LOCATION: ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH/ KONTOS EVENT CENTER

TIME STARTED: 10:04 AM

TIME ENDED: 10:51 AM

ATTENDANCE:				
<i>NATHAN CANTIE</i>		<i>PATRICIA STONE</i>	<i>MICHELLE JACKSON</i>	<i>HEATHER VOIGT</i>
<i>ERIC MUNROE</i>		<i>MELISSA PARKS</i>	<i>LEESA FRYER</i>	<i>NATALIE DOUGHERTY</i>
<i>RACHAEL KEEGAN</i>		<i>JES MCILVEEN</i>	<i>CHRISTINA COFFEY</i>	<i>KARRIE ROLLER</i>
<i>MARY TREICHEL</i>		<i>JASON SAFFERS</i>	<i>CARMEN MENENDEZ</i>	<i>ERICA SMITH</i>
<i>JAMES WALTERS</i>		<i>MARCY ESBJERG</i>	<i>CHISTINE SANTANA</i>	<i>FRANK SEIDL</i>
<i>ROSANNE SMITHWICK</i>		<i>FERNANDO SERRANO</i>	<i>JORDAN FRENCH</i>	<i>LIZ RHODES</i>
<i>HILARY BRUNO</i>		<i>JASON THOMAS</i>	<i>JOHNPAYL COMAS</i>	<i>SAM PICARD</i>
<i>MARY KATE NAGLITSH</i>		<i>JEFF SKLET</i>	<i>LYNN NISSEN</i>	<i>TROY PEDERSON</i>
<i>ETHAN WEILANT</i>		<i>CHRISTA LONGO</i>	<i>TIMOTHY HARRIS</i>	<i>MARK EBEL</i>
<i>DAVID MILLER</i>		<i>DIANA EDMONSON</i>	<i>LETITIA COLLIVE</i>	<i>JUSTIN MCPADDEN</i>
<i>KASSIDY KAPETANIS</i>		<i>MELISSA GILES</i>	<i>ROCHEL HILL</i>	<i>ERIN O’CONNOR BRUNO</i>
<i>THOMAS O’CONNOR BRUNO</i>		<i>JENNIFER WATTS</i>	<i>WILL NEWGARD</i>	<i>JEANNE COULTER</i>
AGENDA		ACTIONS		
CALL TO ORDER		The meeting was called to order at 10:04AM by Rosanne Smithwick.		
MINUTES		Approval of June 2025 Leadership Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by: Jason Saffels Motion seconded by: Christa Longo No Opposition		
COMMITTEE UPDATES		Coordinated Entry: JohnPaul Comas: Finalizing guidance regarding client refusal of housing options. The upcoming focus is on educating clients about their rights and responsibilities. Meetings held monthly on the second Wednesday at 1 PM via Teams. Strategic Planning: Marcy Esbjerg: Did not meet. Next meeting rescheduled for next Thursday July 17. Executive Committee: Did not meet. Next meeting scheduled for August 6.		

	APPRR, HMIS, PIT, Outreach Committees: No significant updates. Outreach noted the new food truck service, which clients are welcome to try.
BNL REPORT	Melissa Giles: Explanation of BNL report. Report provided to all council members. Review of data on the report. Update of families with minors. Reported as twenty-seven with seventeen being on the family shelter waitlist. Veteran Services: No current veteran clients on the BNL.
OLD BUSINESS	Grand Blvd Property-Pasco Hope Jennifer Watts: Referrals from the BNL are at a standstill. We were referring older adults (65+) of the BNL. CBDG Disaster Response: Marcy Esbjerg: Pasco County received \$585M in disaster recovery funds. \$300M allocated to housing programs, including home renovations, manufactured home replacement, and new construction. \$100M earmarked for affordable housing development. “A Better Future Action Plan” submitted to HUD with expected agreement in August and programming launch by October 1. Groundbreaking for 116 senior affordable housing units in Hudson celebrated; the project originated in 2022. Emphasis on linking new housing developments to the By-Name List to ensure coordinated housing placements. Hot Weather Sheltering Update Jennifer Watts: The pilot program expanded to Coalition’s Pine Street location. Emergency shelter activated during extended heat events (“feels like” 100°F+). Clients offered cooling kits and supplies (e.g., sunscreen, water, bug spray). Additional tent space offered by community partners for overflow. Coalition continues building partnerships across Pasco, especially in East Pasco
NEW BUSINESS	2025 NOFO Competition Thomas O’Connor Bruno: HUD CoC NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) resumed after unexpected pause. Emphasis shifting toward supportive services and away from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Concerns raised regarding possible block grant restructuring and shifting of administration to the state level. CoC agencies’ current contracts run through end of 2026 (vary by contract).
BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR	New Participants Introduced: Justin and Christina from Hope Shot, offering recovery services and hosting a Texas Roadhouse dine-to-donate event on July 30. James Walters – newly appointed Pasco County Homeless Programming Administrator focused on strategic homelessness initiatives. He can be reached at 727-207-1661. Tim Harris – Bay Area Legal Services attorney assisting with housing and homelessness legal issues. Natalie – Life Church, hosting a back-to-school outreach event for 750 children in Wesley Chapel. Pastor Troy- “Somebody Cares” annual giveaway event on July 26 with Pasco Fire and Police Departments.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Please send Jennifer Watts any Flyer’s for upcoming events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS	No public comments were submitted. Miller from Sword & Spoon provided an overview of their outreach food truck, which will be used to deliver meals to unsheltered individuals.
ADJOURNED	The meeting was adjourned at 10:51am. Next meeting, August 28th, Leadership Council, In Person at Harvester Community Church.