



Pasco County
Continuum of Care

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Leadership Council Meeting
Information and Attendance**

Date of Meeting: February 26, 2026
Location: In-Person, Harvester Church

Time Started: 10:06 am
Time Ended: 11:21 am

Leadership Council in attendance:

Rosanne Smithwick	Dinah Tandih	Leesa Fryer
Marcy Esbjerg	Jena Blair	Kimberly Natal
David Miller	Sam Picard	Heather Triplett
Geoff Harlan	Tomi Steinruck	Christine Long
Heather Rivera	Jeff Sklet	Eric Munroe
Erica Smith	Kathy Hunt	Christa Longo

Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc. Staff:

Jennifer Watts	Thomas O'Connor Bruno	Erin O'Connor Bruno
Melissa Giles		

Guest in attendance:

Karrie Roller (Metropolitan Ministries)		
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Continuum of Care (CoC) General Membership Meeting Minutes Coordinated by the Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc. (CHPC)

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** (Chairperson Rosanne Smithwick) @ 10:06 am
- 2. Approval of January LC Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Motion made by Sam Picard to Approve the January LC Meeting minutes;
Seconded by David Miller; Approved Unanimously.
- 3. CoC Committee Reports:**
 - Executive Committee: Rosanne Smithwick (Chair). Did not meet due to conflicts but plan to meet soon.
 - Strategic Planning: Marcy Esbjerg (Chair). Working with area hospitals for discharge planning for homeless patients. The hope is to get respite facilities for those homeless patients to go to while they recover. Meets on the second Thursday of each month virtually.
 - Communications Workgroup Thomas O'Connor Bruno (CHPC): Policies have been drafted on how to tell the CoC story to the public and officials. This will be a living document. Each workgroup should designate a person as a communications point of contact.
 - Motion to approve the communications policy by David Miller, seconded by Marcy Esbjerg, approved unanimously.
 - Outreach and Unsheltered Committee: David Miller (Chair): Meet the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am virtually. At the past meeting, the Point in Time (PIT) was discussed, what worked well, and what to improve for 2027.
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee: Sam Picard (Chair) Presented by Thomas O'Connor Bruno (CHPC): System Performance Measures (SPMs) are due next week. We had 3 flags that we are working on to clean up. We are going through a systems wide audit, where we are cleaning up data. Next meeting we will have better visuals of our data to help tell our story.
 - Application, Project Performance, Review, and Ranking (APPRR) Committee: Thomas O'Connor Bruno (Staff). Did not meet due to NOFO being mostly on

autopilot. Renewals have been approved, with a July 1st start date. We do not need to convene until HUD gives us more direction.

- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee: Melissa Giles (CHPC): Met in February. Planning to plan something, currently assessing what the needs are.

4. By-Name List (BNL) Report: Melissa Giles (CHPC)

- a. BNL Report explained. Data cleaning occurred for Federal Reporting.
- b. In February 2026:
 - i. 549 individuals making up 401 households.
 - ii. 37 households referred to 59 programs (15% of all households).
 - iii. There are fourteen (14) families with minors on the BNL. No families are on the shelter waiting list. Eight (8) families are unsheltered and do not want the family shelter.
 - iv. There were zero (0) Veterans on the BNL.
 - v. Average length of stay on the BNL is 144 days.
 - vi. There were 10 temporary exits, 49 permanent exits, and 28 other exits.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Pasco Hope:** Jennifer Watts (CHPC) gave update: They are continuing to take referrals from the By-Name List. They are having trouble moving clients out and into permanent housing, due to a lack of affordable housing. It has been reported that the campers will be moved to make room for more pallet homes.

6. New Business:

- a. Senior Task force: Jennifer Watts (CHPC): It is a project between Community Development and the Pasco County Sherriff's Office due to the observation that there are a lot of evictions that have been served to the senior population by the Sherriff's Office. The county has held two (2) meetings to address the need, and it has been pitched for a committee or workgroup to come under the CoC. The Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco could also set up a specific phone line for seniors to help track data and address the issue.
- b. Shared Housing Opportunities: Jennifer Watts (CHPC): There have been two trainings, with more to come. There has been a push towards this as an option for clients, but the shared housing needs to become more affordable. At this point options are too expensive. We will continue to try and make this an affordable option for clients.

7. Business from the Floor:

- a. Christine Long/Karrie Roller: Daycare center in Holiday is open and has availability. Focusing on low-income but providing services to everyone on a sliding scale. Head start is available at the center. Announced that Karrie is starting to take on some of her responsibilities as she is getting ready to retire in March of 2027.
- b. Jeff Sklet: Magnolia Oaks is waiting on its last certificates of occupancy then it will open for veterans.

8. Announcements:

- a. Dinah Tandih: Pasco County Health Department: Please see the information from the health department about how to identify measles, how it spreads, and how to prevent it. There are no known cases of measles in Pasco County as of yet, but are trying to be proactive.
- b. Jena Blair: Bay Area Legal Services: Legal clinic on Mondays in West Pasco Courthouse (8:30 am - 12:30 pm), and then on the same day every Monday, in the East Pasco County Courthouse (12:30 pm – 4:30 pm). Family law and small claims. By appointment only but if spots are open they will take walk ins. Seven (7) slots for each location, each Monday, so a total of fourteen (14) slots.
- c. Jennifer Watts: A Communication Access for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in a Community Setting training will be taking place on March 12 at 1pm to 3pm. The address is 19420, Central Blvd, Land O'Lakes. It will be held in the Anclote training room. Please RSVP to Jenny Hess (jhess@deafhhsfla.org).

9. Public Comment:

- a. None.

10. Future Meetings:

- a. Leadership Council: March 26, 2026, Virtual at 10 am.

11. Adjourn:

- a. Motion made by Kathy Hunt to adjourn at 11:21 am; Seconded by Christine Long; Approved Unanimously.