



Pasco County  
**Continuum of Care**

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

**Date of Meeting:** January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

**Location:** Virtual Zoom  
am

**Time Started:** 10:04 am

**Time Ended:** 11:36

**Leadership Council in attendance:**

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| Rosanne Smithwick | Dinah Tandih     | Leesa Fryer      |
| Marcy Esbjerg     | Jena Blair       | Kimberly Natal   |
| Jason Saffels     | Jason Thomas     | Heather Triplett |
| Geoff Harlan      | Tomi Steinruck   | Christine Long   |
| Vicki Wiggins     | Jeff Sklet       | Eric Munroe      |
| Hilary Bruno      | Kathy Hunt       | Christa Longo    |
| Erica Smith       | Elizabeth Rhodes | Sam Picard       |
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**Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc. Staff:**

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| Jennifer Watts | Thomas O'Connor Bruno | Erin O'Connor Bruno |
| Melissa Giles  | Max Gallagher-Intern  |                     |
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**Guest in attendance:**

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### **Continuum of Care (CoC) General Membership Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** (Chairperson Rosanne Smithwick) @ 10:04am
- 2. Approval of August LC Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. Motion made by Tomi Steinruck to Approve the October LC Meeting minutes;  
Seconded by Vicki Wiggins; Approved Unanimously.
- 3. CoC Committee Reports:**
  - Executive Committee: Rosanne Smithwick (Chair).
  - Strategic Planning: Marcy Esbjerg (Chair). Working on 2-3 activities to finish up. Jennifer is meeting with area hospitals to ensure they are collecting the correct information for discharge planning. Using Data to create programs. Created a communications subcommittee to help present correct information to the county. Looking at next week at a day shelter on the east side. Meets on the second Thursday of each month.
    - Communications Workgroup Jason Saffels (Co-Chair): Progressed through most of the communications plan. Meeting with Thomas to make sure the script looks grammatically correct and then will work on getting this out to the public.
  - Outreach and Unsheltered Committee: David Miller (Chair); Presented by Thomas O'Connor Bruno (CHPC): met yesterday about Point in Time (PIT). We are seeing more individuals enter the system. Group of unsheltered individuals in Lacoochee brought up by Pastor Ken.
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee: Sam Picard (Chair); Presented by Thomas O'Connor Bruno (CHPC). Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data cleaning has been submitted, with only 7 errors requiring explanation. Next is the PIT and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Pulling policy and procedures together to discuss.
  - Application, Project Performance, Review, and Ranking (APRR) Committee: Thomas O'Connor Bruno (Staff). Not needed due to NOFO changes.

- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee: Melissa Giles (co-chair): did not meet this month, but will meet in February.

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

- BNL Report explained. Data cleaning occurred for Federal Reporting.
- In December 2025:
  - 534 individuals making up 398 households.
  - 37 households referred to programs (9% of all households).
  - There are eighteen (14) families with minors on the BNL. Five (2) families are on the shelter waiting list.
  - There were zero (0) Veterans on the BNL.
  - Average length of stay on the BNL is 142 days.
  - There were 12 temporary exits, 37 permanent exits, and 55 other exits.
- For ALL of 2025:
  - Total New Individuals: 1,178
  - Total Clients Re-Entering the System: 227
  - Total Exits: 1,376
  - Total Permanent Exits: 650

#### 5. Old Business:

- Pasco Hope:** Danielle Husband (Catholic Charities): Down to the last few with storm damage who are still there. The other individuals there are homeless. They have a high success rate, as they are getting people into places they need to be, such as a higher level of care, i.e. nursing homes. They have not had openings for a while, but some have recently opened. They have 10-15 people a week coming in to try to get in. Please provide the 727 number, not her personal number. The mobile medical unit has been coming out. Been working with Baycare as well to meet the needs of the medically needy. Trying to prevent people from having to go to the ER.
- 2025 NOFO:** Thomas O'Connor Bruno reports. He wants to apologize to the APPRR committee about the meetings because they have changed on a daily basis.
  - Sam Picard called for a vote to Approve the HUD CoC Competition NOFO Renewals for 2025-2026 which were originally Approved by the Leadership Council for the 2024-2026 Submission; Seconded by Jason Saffols; Approved unanimously. Kathy Hunt and Tomi Steinruck recused themselves as their agencies are two of the Renewal applications.

- Longest Night Memorial – Rosanne – This is for anyone who has lost someone who is homeless. There was a good turnout of more than 40 people. We had a list of more than

30 people who were remembered by name. The ceremony was done before lunch was served. This is done right before the longest night of the year. It is a way to remember people experiencing homelessness as people first. We will plan to do it again. This is done in New Port Richey, but the thought is to try to have a memorial ceremony for the east side in 2026. Christine Long has volunteered her team (Metropolitan Ministries) to help coordinate something.

## **7. New Business:**

- a. Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Workshop on Homelessness: County staff met with Commissioners to provide updates on the homelessness issue in Pasco County. Data was requested and provided by the CoC. Originally, it was a dedicated 2-hour slot to discuss homelessness, but the budgeting portion of the workshop ran over, so only 1 hour remained. The key takeaway was that the communication and education from the CoC continues to be the highest need.
- b. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: We are using the night of January 26<sup>th</sup>. The outreach teams will begin surveying as many people as possible. In the past, we have been very successful in obtaining high-quality data. We ordered emergency items to be handed out during the survey. We have until the following Tuesday to collect data. The Coalition will collect data from clients who come in. The coalition will input the data, which will be submitted in April or May.
- c. CoC Video: Coalition presented an informational video explaining a continuum of care. This video can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/CoCVideo01YT>

## **8. Business from the Floor:**

- a. Christine Long - 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 on a personal note that she will be retiring on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027, and will be starting to transition responsibilities to other people in the near future.
- b. Hilary Bruno – The County's Grant Kick-Off will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. An agency only needs to attend one of those meetings, and there is a virtual option.

## **9. Announcements:**

- a. Dinah Tandih: Pasco County Health Department: On February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair will be held at the Summit Professional building on State Road 52. Free services and vendors will be there. If you are interested in being a vendor, please reach out to Trang.

## **10. Public Comment:**

- a. None.

**11. Future Meetings:**

- a. Leadership Council: February 25, 2026, In-Person at 10 am.

**12. Adjourn:**

- a. Motion made by Marcy Esbjerg to adjourn at 11:36 am; Seconded by Hilary Bruno; Approved Unanimously.