General Membership Meeting - Minutes
August 13, 2020 | 9:00-10:30 am | Webinar Virtual Event

3rd Annual State of Homelessness and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (FL-510, Duval, Clay and Nassau counties) – Virtual Coffee

Changing Homelessness hosted the 3rd Annual State of Homelessness and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: Virtual Coffee Edition in place of our General Membership Meeting to cover the recently released Point-In-Time data as well as convene, local, regional and national thought leaders for a panel discussion on the state of homelessness in Northeast Florida, Florida and across the nation.

1. Introduction and Welcome
   • Dr. Jametoria Burton, Florida State College at Jacksonville

2. Point in Time Highlights and Volunteer Recognition
   • Dawn Gilman, CEO Changing Homelessness presents and discusses
     o 1,542 total people counted – this is down 7% from 2019
     o 541 unsheltered people counted – this is up slightly by 7% from 2019
     o 1,001 sheltered people counted – this is down 13% from 2019
     o To review the full Point in Time Count Report [click here]
   • Changing Homelessness are so very grateful to all the volunteers who donated their time over the last year

3. National, Regional and National Panelist discuss unprecedented times (COVID-19 and racial inequity and how we move forward):
   o Charles Griggs, Host
   o Darnell Smith, Florida Blue
   o Rosanne Haggerty, National Alliance to End Homelessness
   o Dr. Sherry McGill, LISC
   o Dawn Gilman, Changing Homelessness

   Panelist Questions included:
   a. QUESTION #1  Everyone
      i. Is homelessness a solvable problem, and why are you, personally, committed to finding solutions?
   b. QUESTION #2  Sherry Magill
      i. Today we are celebrating and thanking volunteers who are doing more than just good works. How do public service and volunteerism build a fair and just Jacksonville where everyone is included?
c. QUESTION #3  Darnell Smith
   i. How have recent events, like COVID-19, highlighted the need to recognize that housing is healthcare?

d. QUESTION #4  Roseanne Haggerty
   i. COVID-19 has transformed the daily lives of almost all of us. How has it changed homelessness systems, both nationally and locally?

e. QUESTION #5  Dawn Gilman
   i. There is currently a national conversation happening about racial injustice. What is the impact of racial inequity on homelessness?

f. QUESTION #6  Everyone
   i. What is one takeaway you want people to get from this conversation?

4. Adjourn
   • Event adjourned at 10:38 am

5. Attendees
   • Darnell Smith – Florida Blue
   • Charles Griggs
   • Dr. Sherry Magill – LISC
   • David Clark – DESC
   • Bil Lewis
   • Terry Brey – HUD
   • Alice Conte – Gateway
   • Gigi Follick – Gateway
   • Cindy Funkhouser – Sulzbacher
   • Rhonda Peoples-Waters – Duval Co. Judge Candidate
   • Shawn Liu – VA
   • Tawanda Washington – DOH
   • Wanda Willis – Cummer Museum
   • Aleizha Batson – JTA
   • Eileen Briggs
   • Tip Dixon – Women Center of Jax
   • Beth Mixson – Family Promise
   • Shannon Nazworth – Ability Housing
   • Tricia Pough – DCPS
   • Terri Smith – JTA
   • LaShawnda Rainge – Hubbard House
   • Cindy Harpman – Family Support Services
   • Gerald Thomas – American Red Cross
   • Gary Judd – Trinity Rescue Mission
   • Kim Sirdevan – Youth Crisis Center
   • Denise Giarrusso – FSCJ
   • Carlos Laboy – MHRC
   • Charmin Alston – VA
   • Salym Winter – Feeding NE FL
   • Sophia Rasher – Genesis Horizon
   • Lisa Harris – Free Flow Showers
   • Elisa Malo – LSF
   • Carmella Prescott – Daniel Kids
   • Sarah Schmidt – City of Jacksonville
   • Jametoria Burton - FSCj
   • Cindy Ray – DVI
   • Whitney Hilliard – DVI
   • Jamie Davis – City Rescue Mission
   • Terri Lewis
   • Paul Davison
   • Coretta Hill
   • Dawn Gilman
   • Monique Elton
   • Ywana Allen
   • Christina King
• Sheila Webster
• Vera Brown-Floyd
• Dr. Laura Lane
• Lindsay McVay