



General Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 14, 2020 | 8:30-10:00 am | Meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Gilman

- Dawn asked everyone to type name and agency in the chat box to capture attendance

2. Collaborative Applicant Update

- **COVID-19**
 - Changing Homelessness is posting and keeping up with Local, Federal and State information that is relative to our community
 - Testing was conducted at the Urban Rest Stop and all five major shelters
 - Our community has tested almost 700 people who are experiencing homelessness and we have had no one test positive thus far
 - We are still working with two hotels, one for isolation for people that are medically stable but need a safe place, the other for those who are homeless who are vulnerable with underlying medical conditions
- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Funding**
 - Enhanced funding for Duval County in the amount of \$809,292.00
 - Application due Thursday, May 21, 2020 by 5:00 pm
 - Client eligibility criteria has not changed, the client does not have to prove that their emergency is related to COVID-19
 - Timeframe for grant spending is a normal one-year cycle, spending starts retroactively on April 1, 2020
 - No money for staffing or operations available in this grant it is for direct services funding only
 - We would like to recruit volunteers for the review process of these applications, please notify us if you would like to volunteer no later than Tuesday May 19, 2020
 - The review team will meet Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 9:30 am

3. HMIS Lead Update

- The HMIS team has been working hard to analyze the Point in Time Results because the state has requested the results earlier than usual, the numbers are due to HUD in June 2020

4. Agency Announcements | Open Discussion

- Stay Home, Work Virtually, Flatten the Curve, Wash your hands, Wear a mask
- Changing Homelessness Annual Volunteer Breakfast has been changed to a Virtual Coffee where the results of the Point in Time will be released more information will be shared soon
- Lili High asked when the EFSP funds are awarded will the agency be able to spend the funds right away or have to wait and spend from the October grant year? David replied the spending is retroactive back to April 1, 2020 and the end date has not been announced yet, once its awarded its immediately deposited in the awardees available account
- Anyone interested in applying for the Hotel/Motel funding through EFSP please contact Dawn Gilman and they set-up a zoom call on Monday to answer all the questions at one time
- Lequita Brooks announced that Veterans Thrive is an aftercare program in Duval County that helps homeless people who have transitioned from homelessness to housing. They help them develop life skills, assist with budgeting and help communications. Veterans had to reside at the Clara White Mission, Sulzbacher Center or Volunteers of America to qualify. A flyer will be shared with CoC.
- Kent Runyon announced that he will share a flyer from the Volunteers of America with information about their new programs
- Gigi Follick announced the STAR Program hasn't slow down since the pandemic only referrals have. They are offering case management, counseling and peer support if you know anyone that needs help and qualifies for the program give them a call and they will see how they can help.

5. Adjourned

- 9:05 a.m.

Attendees

- Cindy Harpman – Family Support Services
- Tricia Pough – DCPS
- Bill Rodgers – VA
- Catherine Phillmon – VA
- Azain Aldor – MHRC
- Krystyna Dzierzanowski - MHRC
- Cindy Ray – DVI
- Whitney Hilliard – DVI
- Cosmos Cranston – JASMYN
- Lili High – Catholic Charities
- Carlos Laboy – MHRC
- Gigi Follick – Gateway
- Taylor Riffey – Micah's Place
- Kent Runyon – Volunteers of America
- Elisa Malo - LSF
- Salym Winter – Feeding NE FL
- Natalie Marcano–Sidberry – NE FL Women Veterans
- Lou Dougherty – Ability Housing
- Amanda Conley – NE FL Woman Veterans
- Suzie Loving - 5-Star Veterans Center
- Amanda Mills – 5-Star Veterans Center
- Cosmos Cranston - JASMYN
- Salym Winter – Feeding Northeast Florida
- Socrates
- Brenda Jones
- Lequita Brooks – Veterans Thrive
- Rahbi Anderson – CFC, Project AIM
- Karen Thomas – PSM
- Karen Tozzi – Duval County Department of Health
- Terry Brey - HUD
- Cody Spencer – Sulzbacher

- Dr. Laura Lane – Changing Homelessness
- Tracey Israel – Changing Homelessness
- David Augustine – Changing Homelessness
- Lindsay McVay – Changing Homelessness
- Rick Robbins – Changing Homelessness
- Heather Coleman – Changing Homelessness
- Christina King – Changing Homelessness
- Dawn Gilman – Changing Homelessness
- Monique Elton – Changing Homelessness