



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
 - 1,542 total people counted – this is down 7% from 2019
 - 541 unsheltered people counted – this is up slightly by 7% from 2019
 - 1,001 sheltered people counted – this is down 13% from 2019
 - 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):

- Charles Griggs, Host
- Darnell Smith, Florida Blue
- Rosanne Haggerty, National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Dr. Sherry McGill, LISC
- Dawn Gilman, Changing Homelessness

1. 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?

- If you would like to revisit our event, you can now watch the entire presentation [here](#)

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

