



CoC Leadership Council Meeting

May 7, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting Via Skype

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Kevin Stiff |
| II. | Public Comment | Kevin Stiff |
| III. | Approval of Minutes | Kevin Stiff |
| IV. | Dashboard Review | Chris Johnson |
| V. | Annual Unified Request For Proposal / CoC Competition/ New Funding Update | Chris Johnson |
| VI. | Discussion Items | All Present |
| | • COVID-19 Impact and Intervention | |
| VII. | General Announcements/Meeting Schedules | |

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.



Leadership Council 2020 Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, January 9th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The Glasser/Schoenbaum Bldg. 1750 17th St, J-1, Sarasota, FL 34234 Loevner Room
Thursday, March 12th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The Glasser/Schoenbaum Bldg. 1750 17th St, J-1, Sarasota, FL 34234 Loevner Room
Thursday, May 7th	3:30 PM- 5:00 PM	The Glasser/Schoenbaum Bldg. 1750 17th St, J-1, Sarasota, FL 34234 Loevner Room
Annual CoC/Leadership Council Wednesday, August 19th	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Venice Community Center 326 Nokomis Ave S, Venice, FL 34285
Thursday, September 10th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The Glasser/Schoenbaum Bldg. 1750 17th St, J-1, Sarasota, FL 34234 Loevner Room
Thursday, November 12th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The Glasser/Schoenbaum Bldg. 1750 17th St, J-1, Sarasota, FL 34234 Loevner Room



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CoC Leadership Council Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Organization</u>
Brown, Heidi	Jewish Family and Children's Services of the Suncoast
Cliatt, Tarnisha	Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce
Eller, Scott	Community Assisted Supportive Living (C.A.S.L)
Erozer, Adell	Turning Points
Johnson, Chris	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
McLaughlin, Ellen	Sarasota Family YMCA
Diegert-Mclean, Ginger	Lived Homeless Experience
Minor, Erin	Harvest House Transitional Centers
Moran, Michael	Sarasota County
Rosenboro, Jane	Centerstone
Russel, William	Sarasota Housing Authority
Showers, Julia	The Salvation Army, Manatee
Stiff, Kevin	The City of Sarasota
Thaxton, Jon	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Whiten, Major Charles	The Salvation Army, Sarasota

Public Attendees: Phil Gorelick, Suncoast Partnership

Suncoast Partnership Staff: Amiee Barth, Brandon Bellows, Tara Booker, Lauren Davis

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was certified as a quorum at 3:33 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from January 9, 2020 contained a typo on page 4, paragraph 1, line 3 the number said, "59 years of life," this was revised to "29 years of life." William Russel moved to approve the minutes, Jon Thaxton seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes from January 9, 2020 were approved unanimously.

The meeting minutes from March 12, 2020 were reviewed. Jon Thaxton motioned for approval, Erin Minor provided a second, and the meeting minutes from March 12, 2020 were approved unanimously.

IV. Update from Sarasota County

Sarasota County Commissioner Michael Moran provided information on the activities and measures Sarasota County has done in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Moran noted the massive economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on Sarasota County and requested service providers to feel free to contact his office with any suggestions and ideas to get through this time.

V. Dashboard Review

Chris Johnson provided highlights on the 2nd quarter dashboard report, with the full dashboard available for review on the website. Chris reported that currently the CoC has an 80% retention rate, meaning 80% of clients remained in housing after exiting a housing project. Currently, 87% exiting from RRH to a permanent destination are maintaining that housing, with the CoC exceeding the 85% goal set for FY20. Of those clients in a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project, 28% of those exiting had an increase of income, with the goal set at 30% for FY20. Chris stated this is captured by the data entry from case managers.

Chris analyzed activities within the system since the March 1, 2020 declaration of emergency. 455 households have exited from Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, RRH, and PSH to a positive permanent housing outcome. From March 1, 2020 to May 7, 2020, there were 114 clients who have exited from Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach to a permanent destination. This data point is indicative of clients' ability to self-resolve. Chris indicated during this same time 94 people have moved in from a RRH project.

From April 3, 2020, when Governor DeSantis ordered the safer-at-home order, 345 households were exited to permanent housing, with 34 self-resolved. Of the 94 move-ins, 89 happened after April 3, 2020. Chris highlighted the effectiveness of the system during this unprecedented time.

Kevin congratulated CASL's PSH project Arbor Village and complimented Mr. Eller's staff and commitment to the community during this time.

VI. Annual Unified Request for Proposal/CoC Competition/New Funding Update

Chris updated the Leadership Council on the funding opportunities coming down to the CoC. HUD is working on contracting the renewal projects awarded in FY19 CoC Program Competition, but the new projects have not been contracted out yet. Additionally, there is little information passed down regarding when these new projects will be contracted. The upcoming FY20 CoC Program Competition NOFA does not have a potential release date, with HUD TA Norm Suchar recommending CoC's focus on the COVID-19 response. Other than this information, Chris stated there was no additional news coming from HUD.

There were no updates regarding the State funding allocated through the CARES Act. Chris will continue to update the Council on any updates coming from the State.

Sarasota County and Manatee County are actively working on the funding they have received in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adell Erozer stated the pots of money come from the State can be cumbersome and inefficient; Adell asked whether the AURFP from Suncoast Partnership was going to come soon. Chris stated this is a question he has as well and will divert to the Rank and Review



Committee to provide guidance. Chris stated he wasn't sure whether the AURFP would happen because of how everything is in a state of flux.

VII. Discussion Items

COVID 19 Impact and Intervention

Chris stated there was reduction in certain services, including a decrease in shelter numbers. Chris stated he would continue to analyze these trends to identify if there are places within the system that may be having difficulty reopening. Chris stated he is analyzing those self-resolve cases as well as those services that may be affected by following guidance from the CDC or Governor.

Chris stated that since the moratorium on evictions took place, Sarasota only had one eviction filed. Manatee County had a total of 129 since March 1, 2020, with 85 remaining open at this time. Additionally, since the State moratorium on evictions took place, 12 evictions have been filed in Manatee County. Chris stated this is representative of the need for information to be communicated in the community that even though there is a moratorium in place, that doesn't mean landlords can't file for evictions. Staff need to be communicating with clients their rents will need to be paid eventually.

Phil Gorelick stated he understood the downward trajectory of service delivery during the beginning of the pandemic, but as things loosen up we can analyze the system response better and where some areas may need support.

Kevin stated he is concerned about the new group of homeless individuals due to being unemployed and unable to pay rent. Kevin stated this new group of clients will need a place to go while waiting for either unemployment to come in or jobs to begin operating at full capacity. Kevin asked Chris if he had any ideas for the anticipated newly homeless group in our system. Chris stated we would need to analyze data of newly homeless clients to determine which clients are truly newly homeless or actually a case of homeless prevention.

Erin Minor stated our system has yet to see the influx of newly homeless clients in our system because of the current moratorium. Erin agreed many will be more in need of homeless prevention as opposed to emergency shelter.

Tarnisha Cliatt also agreed we have yet to see the impact to our response system. She stated she was surprised to see the numbers of evictions coming out of Manatee County. She asked what programs should these clients be referred to during this time.

Kevin indicated he was also asking the same question. He stated he understands the system typically works in one manner, but during these unprecedented times are we able to modify the delivery of services. Specifically speaking to those clients who did become homeless as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kevin asked what the options are for bridge housing.

Phil Gorelick stated many of the clients who will be in need of supportive services are those same clients not used to accessing the system, and how is our system responding to that.

Tarnisha asked whether there is additional funding outside of CDBG funding in the community; Adell indicated there will be ESG funding coming from Manatee County for COVID-related housing crisis. This funding can provide short-term rental assistance while the clients look for employment or regain stability. Adell stated she has also applied for CDBG money for emergency housing, or placement into hotels, but she is worried about placing individuals into hotels without having a place or funding to move them out to.



Tarnisha requested a compilation of resources to be able to provide agencies a document so they can refer clients to the appropriate place. Tarnisha expressed the community must be proactive in putting this information out to the public so they can access the system with ease. Chris agreed now is the time to educate those who have never been involved in the system to prevent unnecessary homelessness.

Chris stated there were many pockets of money available, but Chris was unsure what the best way to communicate this to the community.

Adell stated we should check with 2-1-1 in handling the COVID-19 related housing crisis, but she wasn't sure if their system would be able to handle influx of calls.

Chris stated he communicated with news stations the best way to access the system is to start with 2-1-1. Phil stated he supported a media blitz to be able to get this message out. Tarnisha stated we need to put the ball in motion to make this information available to the community. Tarnisha stated we need to identify the stakeholders involved and get clear guidance out to the community.

Chris stated we need to identify the potential funding sources for homeless prevention, does 2-1-1 know about these resources, and can they handle this influx of calls, and how do we get this information out to clients. Chris suggested a text-blast to alert County residents that 2-1-1 is the appropriate place to respond to. Phil Gorelick suggested the EOC assist in this response.

Kevin recommended we hold another call to discuss new homeless and self-resolvers. Chris stated this was a good idea. Kevin asked if there were additional comments, or if we could move on from this topic and continue it next week.

VIII. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules

There were no additional comments, announcements, or topics up for discussion.

Kevin reiterated his appreciation of Suncoast Partnership and the entire Continuum of Care in the response to clients' needs during this unprecedented time.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.