



CoC Leadership Council Meeting

May 9, 2019, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center – Building J (Anchin Room)

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Julie Showers |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Julie Showers |
| III. | Transition Team | Edward DeMarco |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timetable for the CEO search• Introduction of Tara Booker as Interim CEO | |
| IV. | Funding Updates | Edward DeMarco |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Annual Unified Grant - Allocations• Soar Teams, Youth, HMIS, CoC Updates | |
| V. | HMIS Name Change and Committee Update | Brandon Bellows |
| VI. | Veteran Planning | Heidi Brown |
| VII. | Leadership Council Organization/Governance Charter | Julie Showers |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated Governance Charter to include City of North Port Appointee• Membership Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Developing the ballot of nominees for the Annual CoC meeting | |
| VIII. | General Announcements/Meeting Schedules | Edward DeMarco |

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.



Mark your Calendars! No CoC Leadership Council meeting July 11th!

Please come to the **Full CoC Annual Meeting** (Continuum of Care members, Leadership Council members and the Suncoast Partnership Board of Directors) to be held on **Wednesday, August 21st** from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** at **Goodwill Manasota, 2705 51st Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34203.** The Annual Meeting will include new CoC Leadership Council elections, CoC NOFA Review, funding updates, new fiscal year performance goals.

Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2019

Location: 1750 17th Street J1 - Sarasota, FL 34234

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

23 CoC Leadership Council Members: 15 members in attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Organization</u>
Bellamy, Reggie	Manatee County Government
Brown, Heidi	Jewish Family and Children’s Service
Clapp, David	Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
DeMarco, Edward	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Eller, Scott	C.A.S.L.
Erozer, Adell	Turning Points
Garcia, Elena	Manatee County Public Schools
McClelland, Lynette	The Center of Hope of South County
McLaughlin, Ellen	Sarasota Family YMCA
Minor, Erin	Harvest House Transitional Centers
Roseboro, Jane	Centerstone of Florida
Showers, Julia	The Salvation Army, Manatee
Stiff, Kevin	The City of Sarasota Police Department
Thaxton, Jon	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Whiten, Charles	The Salvation Army, Sarasota

Public Attendees: Justin Creel, St. Vincent De Paul, James McCloud, Genesis Health Services, Amy Jones, The Salvation Army, Sarasota

Suncoast Partnership Staff: Edward DeMarco, Tara Booker, Brandon Bellows, Amiee Barth, Nick Bell, Natasha Burton, Lauren Davis, Shellie Hummel, Devon Jarrett, Taylor Neighbors.

I. Welcome

Meeting was called to order by Julia Showers at 3:30pm

II. Introductions and Certify Quorum

Attendees introduced themselves and a quorum was certified.

III. Action Item – Approval of 5.9.19 Minutes

Julia Showers asked for a motion to approve the CoC Leadership Council minutes from March 14th, 2019 as distributed electronically. Information packets were provided. The motion was moved by Jon Thaxton, seconded by Erin Minor and approved unanimously. CoC Leadership Council members were reminded that if they are not an official member, that they are ineligible for voting.

IV. Funding Updates

Edward DeMarco updated the CoC Leadership Council on the status of the State Annual Unified Grant and Allocations.

Tara Booker shared with the CoC Leadership Council that Suncoast Partnership has been selected as a grantee for SOAR- the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery.

Tara Booker informed that Council that the Youth NOVA will be submitted this upcoming Saturday. She thanked the YMCA for all their help in this process. She explained the timeline, with a submission due date May15th and an anticipated selection date in July. If selected the official start date would be August 19th, as long as HUD sticks to their timeline. Tara acknowledged that this was a tight turn around, but that this grant would bring in a minimum of one million dollars, potentially more, for our CoC's 16 to 24-year-old homeless youth population. The grant itself is \$75 million to be split between 25 communities, 8 must be rural, leaving 17 possible chances. It requires an eight-month planning period, with providers from both Sarasota and Manatee, to develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan to end youth homelessness.

The Leadership Council was informed that there was no new update on the HMIS grant that was submitted in January. Ed DeMarco reminded the Council that this was a large grant opportunity to enhance our HMIS and expand into Pasco County.

Ed DeMarco updated the Leadership Council on the status of the CoC application. He informed the Council that there has been no indication that HUD would not be moving forward with the drop of the CoC application in June. Tara Booker informed the Council that the tentative amount we will be applying for is \$884,000.00, which is an increase from the previous year.

V. HMIS Name Change

Brandon Bellows explained what the HMIS Committee is and its role within our CoC. He explained that the HMIS Committee had been asked to look at and make recommendations for re-naming HMIS. He explained that several providers had expressed a desire to re-name HMIS, due to client's reactions after learning what the HMIS acronym stood for. Brandon presented the Leadership Council with three options for review. The first being HSIS (Human Services Information System), the second was CSIS (Community Service Information System) and the final was not changing the name but leaving it as is.

Major Whiten from Salvation Army, Sarasota explained that he did not care either way but liked the sound of Human Services Information System (HSIS). Jon Thaxton from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation also commented that he did not care either way but expressed concern that the word Human may sound a little to sterile. It may also be mistaken/confused for the Sarasota Counties Health and Human Services Department. Reggie Bellamy from Manatee County asked if there were additional names recommended. Amiee Barth explained that the HMIS Committee had considered several others but decided to present the three current options to the Leadership Council. Erin Minor from Harvest House asked if the name would affect the currently signed client's releases of information in the system and what would changing the name entail? Brandon explained that it would not affect any signed agreements because the system itself is still an HMIS database. The name change is more cosmetic and how it is referred. The change would entail updating documents and materials referring to the database.

Julia Showers from the Salvation Army, Manatee called for a vote. The Leadership Council approved by a majority to change HMIS to CSIS (Community Services Information System).

VI. Veteran Planning

Heidi Brown from JFCS introduced herself and explained to the Council that part of her role on the Council was to represent the Veteran and SSVF projects in our CoC. She expressed concern that Veteran providers are missing the opportunity that being part of the CoC provides and noted that achieving the benchmarks that are required for the Veteran population, can only happen when we work collaboratively.

She went on to explain that working collaboratively meant involvement in planning meetings. She expressed the need that all projects that do meaningful work on behalf of Veterans should be participating. The Council was then informed that at the last planning meeting only two agencies were in attendance. She asked the members of the Council to please agree and have the agencies they represent, give importance to these meetings and to understand that without participation and support of these providers, developing of any strategic plan to end Veteran homelessness and achieving the required benchmarks of our CoC is very difficult.

Lauren Davis explained that these meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month. Reggie Bellamy from Manatee County expressed interest in possibly attending but was wondering if the date and/or time could be changed. Tara Booker explained that this date and time was originally set up so that the VA would be able to have a representative present. However, it may be a possibility if, re-addressed with the VA representative.

Julia Shower from the Salvation Army – Manatee also suggested that the email list be verified to ensure that all the individuals that should be invited are on it. Also, the list should probably include their supervisors/manager help to ensure that representation is present.

VII. CoC Leadership Council Organization / Governance Charter

Julia Shower from the Salvation Army informed the Leadership Council of the small change in the charter of the maximum allowable size of the Council from 29 to 30 members on page three. She explained that this was done to allow room for the City North Port to appoint a member to the Leadership Council. This didn't need to be voted on, as this was the result of the prior meeting agreed upon vote. The question was raised if they had identified anyone for this seat. Ed DeMarco from Suncoast Partnership informed the Council that they had not.

Julia Shower from the Salvation Army explained that this was the reason for the next agenda item, the development of a membership committee. She pointed out to the Council that the current membership list with end of term dates had been included in their packets. Many members were due to depart unless they wish to continue to serve. She went on to explain to those who would like to continue, the process of being voted in will be required again.

A request was made to the Leadership Council for volunteers, that would like to be part of this Membership Committee. It was explained that their role would be reviewing and identifying possible candidates for both elected and appointed members. Julia Shower informed the Council that she would be the chair of this committee and that an email requesting additional volunteers would be sent out.

Ed DeMarco explained that there were currently four vacant slots for elected members and three vacant slots for appointed members. He further explained that there had not been such a committee in the past but now that the first two-year terms are ending, it is important that we have one. The election for these seats, will take place at the August CoC meeting being held at the Goodwill in Manatee.

VIII. Information and Public Comments

1. Adell Erozer asked about the dashboard and why it was not received this time. It was explained that it was done quarterly.
2. Adell Erozer also wanted to know how and what calculations were involved in producing the

return to homelessness numbers. It was explained that the dashboard looked at both people housed and people who remained housed. It is calculated using the same methodology that is used in the federal reporting standards.

3. Adell Erozer requested that since no discussion was held prior to the electronic vote on the written standards that this be added as an agenda item at the next Leadership Council meeting. It was agreed to add this to the agenda. However, it was noted that the standards were written in alignment with the federal regulation. Therefore, there is not a lot of room to negotiate on them.
4. Heidi Brown from JFCS shared a few numbers from their annual Veteran Stand Down which was held in April. They had a 140-individual registered (131 male and 9 females). The homeless Veteran count was 52 (48 males and 4 females). The Veteran court was able to provide service to 31 Veterans resulting in 128 resolve cases equaling an amount fines little shy of \$40,000.

IX. Meeting Adjourned by Julia Showers.