

CoC Leadership Council Meeting

January 14, 2021, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Remote Meeting Via Zoom](#)

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Kevin Stiff |
| II. | Public Comment | Kevin Stiff |
| III. | Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2020 | Kevin Stiff |
| IV. | Dashboard Review | Chris Johnson |
| V. | Discussion / Action Items | All Present |
| | • Funding update | |
| | • CSIS System Update | |
| | • PIT and HIC | |
| | • COVID-19 Vaccination Roll Out | |
| VI. | General Announcements/Meeting Schedules | Kevin Stiff |
| VII. | Adjourn | Kevin Stiff |

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Leadership Council 2021 Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, March 11th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Zoom teleconference
Thursday, May 13 th	3:30 PM- 5:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, July 8 th	3:30 PM- 5:00 PM	TBD
Annual CoC/Leadership Council Wednesday, August 11th	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	TBD
Thursday, September 9th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, November 11th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD



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Name	Affiliation
Bellamy, Reggie	Manatee County Government
Cliatt, Tarnisha	Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce
Diegert-McClean, Ginger	Lived Homeless Experience
Eller, Scott	Community Assisted Supportive Living (C.A.S.L.)
Fiory, Myra	Central Behavioral Health Network
Hays, Jessica	S.P.A.R.C.C. Family Services
Johnson, Chris	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Minor, Erin	Harvest House
Richardson, Lue	Veteran’s Affairs
Rodriguez-Gnos, Maria	Turning Points
Roseboro, Jane	Centerstone
Sakes, Dawn	More Too Life
Sprinkle, Ray	Sarasota County Schools
Stiff, Kevin	Sarasota Law Enforcement
Thaxton, Jon	Gulf Coast Community Foundation

I. Welcome and Introductions

A quorum was met at 3:33 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

The November 14, 2020 minutes were sent to electronically prior to this meeting. Scott Eller made a motion to approve, with Tarnisha Cliatt providing a second. Kevin Stiff requested the Leadership Council Seat Additions be added to the March 11, 2021 agenda. There was no additional discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Dashboard Review

Chris Johnson presented the Community Dashboard to the Leadership Council and the results of the 1st Quarter of FY21. Chris explained there are likely less people coming into the system due to the funds provided through homeless prevention efforts throughout the CoC.



Chris asked for any questions related to the dashboard; with none provided, Chris encouraged the council members to view the dashboard at <https://www.suncoastpartnership.org/copy-of-community-factsheet>

V. Discussion Action Items

Funding Update

Chris Johnson informed council members on various funding sources. The amount of ESG-CV2 funds have not been announced yet, and previously the council requested additional time to discuss the potential for a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for these additional funds. A subcommittee met after this request and recommended Suncoast Partnership move forward with the RFP process. Additionally, it was approved at this subcommittee meeting Suncoast Partnership submit two street outreach workers to work off the Community By-Name List (BNL) to efficiently connect clients to housing referrals. Chris requested approval from the Leadership Council on this subcommittee's decision.

Jon Thaxton provided a motion to move forward with the RFP process and include the two street outreach positions in the submission of the ESG CV2 funding application; Scott Eller provided a second on this motion. The motion was opened to discussion to which Dawn Sakes asked whether the youth population would be included in the street outreach position. Chris clarified these outreach workers would work explicitly off clients on the Community BNL to create connections, and this could include any demographic on our list.

Erin Minor asked for clarification on the position. Chris stated this position is not going to be providing long-term case management, but a connection to the long-term case management and housing intervention through street outreach.

The motion to move forward with the RFP process and include the two street outreach positions at Suncoast Partnership in the submission of the ESG CV2 funding application was approved unanimously.

Chris informed the Council the CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process will not be a competitive process, but all current projects funding through the CoC Program Funding will be renewed.

Chris asked if a representative from Sarasota County and Manatee County could speak to the additional funding coming down from the Treasury Department to the Counties directly. There were no comments provided. Chris stated Manatee County will be receiving \$12 million for rent and utilities and Sarasota County will be receiving \$13 million from the Treasury Department. These funds will be able to pay for up to 12 months of rental arrears for citizens at 80% AMI or below.

CSIS System Update

Brandon Bellows informed the Leadership Council on the process of identifying a new CSIS Software Vendors. Demonstrations were sent out to CSIS Committee and questions, comments, and concerns about the software vendors were requested.



Feedback on the vendors was specific to usability, reporting capabilities, and different tools to help with data quality. Brandon is setting up live demonstrations with the software vendors so users can see and review the vendors live. Brandon stated the decision on moving forward with a new software vendor should happen shortly. Kevin Stiff asked what timeframe he is looking at, to which Brandon responded a decision should be made in the next month or two.

Dawn Sakes asked if all the data points are built into the software system currently, to which Brandon stated we would only move to a system that already has the data points included in the software. Dawn asked what the HUD Data Standards are for youth, to which Brandon stated it would depend on the funding source as Runaway Homeless Youth asks very specific questions. Dawn asked if there was a way to capture data on youth accessing CSIS, to which Brandon stated we can look at different reporting on the data we have.

Erin Minor thanked Brandon for his efforts stating she is on board with the transition to a new software provider.

Chris Johnson stated the change in CSIS will increase the cost, any provider we switch to will double the cost at minimum to what we are spending with the current provider. Chris recommended the council meet again to discuss how we as a CoC can afford to make this change. Kevin Stiff asked how much the current provider is, to which Chris stated the annual cost is around \$64,500. Brandon Bellows added the negotiation process is witting down the costs and with the Pasco County merge, they will incur costs as well.

Scott Eller added although there is a higher cost to the software, it is anticipated better data will be an outcome, to which Brandon agreed. Scott stated there will be a likely net gain with staff efficiency and data accuracy by switching to a new software vendor. Tara Booker agreed with Scott stating the amount of time Suncoast Partnership staff spends on the current system will be diminished by using another vendor, freeing this staff up for other necessary activities.

Tarnisha Cliatt asked whether the package fee includes maintenance of the system, to which Brandon stated the vendor would be responsible for covering the maintenance of the system, updating the system, and implementing changes to the system.

PIT and HIC

Brandon explained to the council there will not be an unsheltered PIT Count for our CoC due to the safety concerns related to COVID-19. Suncoast Partnership will be conducting a sheltered PIT Count for the Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing beds via CSIS.

Kevin asked if this would result in a quicker outcome of the PIT, to which Brandon said possibly depending on the accuracy of the data in the system.

COVID-19 Vaccination Roll Out



Chris Johnson asked if there was anyone on the line from the two counties to speak to the vaccination roll out. There were no comments offered.

Chris shared on the Sarasota County Commission meeting, there was a lengthy discussion on the vaccination roll out for Sarasota County which is available on the County's website.

Commissioner Bellamy of Manatee County is rolling out their vaccines successfully and Governor DeSantis came to the County recently. Commissioner Bellamy is advocating for including those who are at high risk but under 65 to be included in the vaccination roll out. Commissioner Bellamy stated the biggest concern is the amount of vaccines coming to Manatee County but they will continue to be proactive in the roll out and distribution of the vaccines.

VI. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules

There were no announcements.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.