



CoC Leadership Council Meeting

March 12, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center – Building J-1 (Anchin Room)

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Kevin Stiff |
| II. | Public Comment | Kevin Stiff |
| III. | Approval of Minutes | Kevin Stiff |
| IV. | Dashboard Review / Analysis | Chris Johnson |
| V. | Annual Unified Request For Proposal Timeline | Chris Johnson |
| VI. | Approval Items | Kevin Stiff |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Community Representative (Section III - A) of the Governance Charter | |
| VII. | Discussion Items | All Present |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AURFP Process and Timeline • Suncoast Partnership Strategic Plan Development • Rat Park - Johann Hari – Everything You Think You Know About Addiction Is Wrong | |
| VIII. | General Announcements/Meeting Schedules | Kevin Stiff |

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 14th	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

Meeting Minutes-March 12, 2020

Location: 1750 17th Street, J-1, Loevner, Sarasota, FL 34234

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

CoC Leadership Council Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Organization</u>
Calhoun Jr., Willie	Manatee County Housing Authority
Cliatt, Tarnisha	Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce
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
Sanders, Bill	City of Bradenton
Showers, Julia	The Salvation Army, Manatee
Stiff, Kevin	The City of Sarasota Police Department
Whiten, Major Charles	The Salvation Army, Sarasota

Public Attendees: Jennifer Johnston, Gulf Coast Community Foundation; Brenda Rossi, Manatee School District

Suncoast Partnership Staff: Brandon Bellows, Lauren Davis

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kevin Stiff welcomed the Leadership Council members at 3:32 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes could not be approved because a quorum could not be met.

III. Dashboard Review/Analysis

Chris reviewed the Dashboard of the Continuum of Care’s (CoC) goals for FY19. Chris stated there was a gap in funding due to the submission issue from the CoC NOFA application.

Chris referenced the performance was also affected because some clients enrolled in Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects were needing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), but that intervention was not available at that time. Additionally, some

measures were affected because of the available housing stock in the community. High case manager turnover also affects our overall CoC Performance.

Chris broke out the funding based on Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018. This comparison displayed a high percentage of PSH to be funded through our HUD CoC projects.

Chris explained the length of time homeless between project entry and housing move-in date is affected by the housing stock. Brandon Bellows confirmed this measure is specific to RRH projects and does not include PSH projects.

Chris reviewed the increase of income measure which is a testament of the data entry from case managers. Kevin Stiff clarified the increase of income can be associated with any increase of either SSI, SSDI, or earned income for the client.

Erin Minor stated it is difficult for clients with a long history of homelessness to get into housing within 60 days. Erin stated getting clients document ready could take upwards of 45 days alone, on top of the community's housing stock.

Kevin asked if Natasha Burton would be able to tell us where the hold-up in the housing process is. Is it the client's ability to be document ready or is it the housing stock of the community. Kevin questioned what side does the CoC need to work on.

Erin Minor stated it is a case by case situation. Julia Showers agreed with this, stating some clients are more motivated than others. Erin stated a client may be document ready but have no income.

Willie Calhoun stated the Manatee County Housing Authority provides 120 days for their voucher clients to get housed, and believes it is a combination of housing stock and client motivation.

Kevin Stiff indicated the City of Sarasota has made great strides with the Sarasota Housing Authority to house clients with homeless preference vouchers. In collaboration with Suncoast Partnership, they split these vouchers with Sarasota County HOT teams and get clients into housing.

Erin stated in Harvest House's Freedom Recovery program, clients are document ready with income and it is still difficult to find housing.

Kevin expressed he would the performance measures drilled down to determine what is the issue on getting clients into housing, housing stock or client motivation.

Chris presented the current funding awarded to the CoC. For Tier 1, we have significantly less PSH funds awarded, although 30% of our Community By-Name List require PSH services. Chris is analyzing current funding sources to determine housing interventions the CoC should prioritize.

When setting our goals for FY20, we must dig down into the data in order to set reasonable goals for the CoC. Looking at new clients in the system and the clients remaining in our system will allow us to determine the housing intervention needs for the population in our community.

Chris presented suggested goals for FY20 to the Leadership Council. Of the six performance measures, four are set by HUD.

Erin Minor asked why there is a number set for those exiting to positive destinations is not a percentage. Brandon explained because this measurement is looking at literally homeless projects and the total number of clients who exit; it is more reasonable to set a number goal than a percentage because of the capacity of the system.

Julia Showers asked if funding sources outside the CoC are captured in the performance measures. Brandon indicated they are, and that HUD looks at our system as a whole and not by funding source. Julia requested to continue to see the measures by the funding sources to give us a better picture of the CoC.

Chris suggested for the high and highest acuity of need correspond the Community By-Name list. With the list having 985 single individuals and 30% of the list of that high and highest acuity need, the CoC's goal should be 300. Those present agreed to this goal.

Chris recommended adding the data point percentage of ending homelessness through diversion and early intervention. Kevin asked whether there would be a project set up in CSIS to record this information; Chris indicating Suncoast Partnership is finalizing the diversion project in CSIS. Brandon indicated the simple diversion project in CSIS would record brief interactions had by staff to divert clients away from the system.

Ellen McLaughlin stated because families often fall under the McKenny-Vento definition of homelessness, their diversion of staying with someone else is not a long-term solution. Ellen stated youth or families aren't denied emergency shelter because they may have another option. Erin Minor agreed with Ellen's point, stating the youth and family population is different than single individuals. Ellen stated families often have more support networks than single individuals, but this temporary living situation is not a long-term solution.

Kevin indicated regardless of population, the CoC needs to begin capturing diversion. Kevin stated the way we track the outcome of diversion would be dependent on whether we considered it a successful diversion.

Chris asked if Suncoast brought back how CSIS is going to track diversion and early intervention if it would assist in deciding to move forward on setting a performance measure of diversion outcomes. Erin recommended the time frame in which a person or family has been homeless or unstably housed should be considered.

Ellen recommended to use single individuals when tracking diversion. Julia Showers recommended a committee be formed with case managers to discuss methods of diversion. Kevin asked Chris to send out an email to form a Diversion committee.

IV. Annual Unified Request for Proposals Timeline

Chris presented the overview of the tentative AURFP timeline. The AURFP is projected to be released April 3, 2020 with a deadline of April 30, 2020 with the selected projects finalized June 1, 2020.

Julia Showers asked if the AURFP will continue to be released around the same time; Chris indicated the goal is to release the AURFP around the same year.

V. Approval Items

Faith Community Representative (Section III-A) of the Governance Charter

This item could not be voted on as a quorum was not met.

VI. Discussion Items

COVID-19 Updates

Chris provided information from Sarasota County and the State of Florida. Governor DeSantis issued an executive order reducing gatherings of large groups of people. Chris presented current numbers of positive cases in Sarasota/Manatee, as well as the State of Florida.

Erin asked whether providers could share health information on clients with other providers and how providers should be reporting positive cases. Michael Moran stated there are clear communication guidelines on the COVID-19 response. Michael stated service providers need to be communicating with Chuck Henry at the Department of Health regarding positive COVID-19 clients.

Kevin stated concerns regarding clients could be sent to Chris. Erin stated clients may have less of a sense of urgency regarding their potential infection. Michael provided Charles Henry's contact information to inform him on any clients of concern. Kevin recommended having a client sign an ROI, so providers can share information. Erin asked whether the ROI covered sharing private health information (PHI). Kevin encouraged providers to air on the side of caution when sharing PHI, stating law enforcement uses the term "universal precautions" to alert officers of potential infectious diseases.

Chris asked if utilizing the News Feed section on CSIS to notify service providers of concerning clients. Lauren Davis and Brandon Bellows did not recommend using this area of CSIS to notify service providers. Kevin stated utilizing the term "universal precautions" will assist in sharing concerns without sharing PHI.

Erin Minor stated Harvest House's plan is to quarantine a client in a hotel for two weeks if they are positive for COVID-19.

Kevin encouraged service providers to contact Suncoast Partnership or the Department of Health regarding clients of concern.

Suncoast Partnership Strategic Plan Development



Suncoast CoC Leadership Council

Chris stated Suncoast Partnership's Board of Directors is interested in understanding how service provider's feedback regarding Suncoast Partnership's role in the CoC.

VII. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules

Julia Showers requested we have another discussion regarding the meeting time. Kevin stated we would put the meeting schedule change on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chris Johnson announced the Sudowski Fund is fully protected and funding will be coming down from the State through various funding sources.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.