



Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
at Goodwill Manasota, 2705 51st Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203  
Kevin Stiff, CoC Leadership Council Chair  
Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer Suncoast Partnership

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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>Welcome</b>                                                | <b>Erin Minor, LC Executive Committee</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b>Introductions and Community Roundtable</b>                 |                                                                                                                                              |
|              |                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please state your name and organization</li><li>• Share any updates from your organization</li></ul> |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>Approval of August 21, 2019 Minutes</b>                    |                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>Presentation: Giselle Stopler, Centerstone</b>             |                                                                                                                                              |
|              | Update on Manatee County SIM Process, Results, and Next Steps |                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>Community Information Items</b>                            |                                                                                                                                              |
|              |                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suncoast Partnership Updates</li></ul>                                                               |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>Presentation: Chris Johnson, Suncoast Partnership</b>      |                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>General Announcements and Public Comments</b>              |                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                              |

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

***CoC Leadership Council Meeting***

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)  
Glasser Schoenbaum Center- Building J-1, 1750 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234

***Continuum of Care Meeting***

There is no general CoC meeting for December.  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)  
Location TBD

Stay tuned for upcoming trainings open to the CoC in November, December and January including  
Fair Housing and Point in Time

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## Continuum of Care Meeting

**October 16, 2019 Minutes**

**Location:** Goodwill Manasota, 2705 51<sup>st</sup> Ave E, Bradenton FL 34203

**Meeting Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Attendees:** Avery Burke, Centerstone; Erin Minor, Harvest House; Mike Day, Department of Children and Families; Marcella Levin, Advocate; Richard McDaniel, Jewish Family and Children Service; Lucy Dela Cruz, Centerstone; Lue Richardson, Veteran Affairs; Justin Creel, St. Vincent de Paul CARES; Marlene Minzey, First Step; Myra Fiory, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network; James Dazy, Sarasota Sherriff Department; Antonia Quiros, Goodwill; Milli Stepanek, Schoolhouse Link/Safe Children's Coalition; Socrates Aguayo, Anthem Health; Nelson Canario, Gulfcoast Legal Services; Cheri Devries, Mothers Helping Mothers; David Provost, Provost Associates; Brian Payne, The Salvation Army Manatee; Janet Carrillo, City of North Port; Jennifer Fagenbaum, Family Promise of South Sarasota County; Rob Tabor, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network; Giselle Stopler, Centerstone; Amy E. Jones, The Salvation Army Sarasota; Jessica Elwood, The Salvation Army Sarasota; Nancy Deloach, Sarasota County Government; Megan Howell, A Second Heart Advocacy; Emma Ballentine, CASL, Inc.; Samuel McLean, AlongSideU; Ginger McLean, AlongSideU; Jennifer Johnston, Gulf Coast Community Foundation; Ellen McLaughlin, School House Link; Eduardo Gloria, Catholic Charities; Julie Showers, The Salvation Army Manatee

**Presenter:** Giselle Stopler, Centerstone

**Suncoast Partnership Staff:** Tara Booker, Brandon Bellows, Amiee Barth, Natasha Burton, Lauren Davis, Shellie Hummel, Devon Jarrett, Beth Moser, Taylor Neighbors

**I. Welcome**

- a. Meeting was called to order by Erin Minor, Executive Director of Harvest House and member of the Leadership Council, at 9:00am

**II. Introductions and Community Roundtable**

- a. Attendees introduced themselves, provided updates about their organization, and Erin Minor encouraged the attendees to express an interesting fact about themselves as an icebreaker.

**III. Approval of August 21, 2019 Minutes**

- a. The minutes from the previous CoC minutes were approved as written.

**IV. Presentation: Giselle Stopler, Centerstone**

Giselle explained the Manatee County SIM Process, Results and Next Steps regarding the Manatee Reinvestment Planning Project (MRPP) Collaborative.

The MRPP Collaborative is a 1-year planning grant awarded to Centerstone, in partnership with Manatee Government and funded by a Florida DCF Substance Abuse Mental Health Program Office Reinvestment Grant. The goal of the MRPP Collaborative is to develop a strategic plan to implement identified priorities that address criminal justice diversion, reentry, and treatment



needs of adults with mental health and/or substance use disorder involved with the criminal justice system.

The MRPP Collaborative is broken into 4 quarters with identified deliverables. During Quarter 1, a Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) and Need Assessment was done, where priority areas and an action plan were identified. The SIM identified jail diversion, leadership and planning, specialty courts and programs, jail reentry, and community recover-oriented services and supports as the priority areas for Manatee County.

Giselle presented the Manatee County Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice Leadership and Planning Structure to the CoC with each committee working under the Board of County Commissioners. She explained the non-profit agencies, government entities, and private organizations participating in the Public Safety Coordinating Council, Behavioral Health Consortium, and Acute Care Committee and each committee's defined roles.

Giselle identified the purpose of the needs assessment it to answer the 2 key study questions:

- 1.) What are the highest priority needs among adults living in Manatee County with mental health and/or substance use disorders and involvement in the criminal justice system that must be met in order to increase the likelihood that they are diverted from jail to care in the community; and
- 2.) When do bridges need to be built or resources developed in order to close the service and support gaps currently in the system.

The MRRP Collaborative has identified the target population needs physical safety, security, a sense of belonging and esteem in the community, and treatment and recovery. With a systems level transformation in the areas of criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse, and community supports and services.

She stated in addition to increasing the infrastructure and data management regarding reporting and coordinating outcomes measurements, there will need to be interagency and cross-sector communication and collaboration in order to make the MRPP Collaborative successful. Giselle ended the presentation thanking all those agencies and government representatives present at the CoC meeting for participating in the SIM and Needs Assessment.

#### **V. Community Information Items**

Tara Booker announced Suncoast Partnership successfully submitted the Collaborative Application ahead of schedule. Tara also announced FL-500 was not selected for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP), but the CoC will continue to apply for the project as HUD announces new rounds of the grant.

#### **VI. Presentation: Chris Johnson, Suncoast Partnership**

Chris Johnson presented "What is a CoC?" to the group. Chris provided the federal definition of a Continuum of Care (CoC) and identified the federally mandated requirements of a CoC.

Chris displayed Florida Housing Coalition's (FHC) components of an effective homeless response system and asked the audience to stand if their agency participated in the following components: street outreach and coordinated entry, prevention and diversion, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Noting some agencies participate in each of the components where others may specialize in one component but not provide another. Chris recognized while some agencies may participate in one or more of these



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components, for those agencies or individuals who do not participate in any component to ask themselves to feel free to reach out to him to find where they fit in the system.

Chris expressed those in the room have an obvious passion to work with and interact with the homeless, but to identify whether they are preventing and ending or promoting and extending homelessness. He encouraged the room to ask themselves this question. Chris explained he too had been on the other side of the coin where he once thought he was helping people but was hurting them. He identified the difference between hurting and harming, much like preventing and ending homelessness and promoting and extending homelessness. Chris again encouraged those in the room who may not see where their agency fits into the CoC to reach out to him so he can help identify their part. Chris reiterated it takes the entire CoC to work together to prevent and end homelessness.

Chris presented a feature on a man, AJ Jacobs, who, in order to transform his negative thoughts by expressing gratitude for his morning coffee, went on a journey that extended to over one hundred "Thank Yous" for all of those involved that make his morning coffee happen. AJ thanked everyone from the barista, to the man who selects the coffee, to the men who own the farm where the beans are grown, to the manufacturers of the truck the men use to drive on the farm, and so on. This led to an endless amount of people to express gratitude for one cup of coffee.

Chris explained how this relates to our CoC because we all play a part to make positive outcomes for our two counties. Chris then presented a video on people saving baby cubs from a dumpster by putting a ladder in the dumpster for the cubs to crawl out of. Chris explained the relation of these people saving these cubs as to how the CoC plays a part in ending clients' homelessness. He reiterated it takes each agency within the CoC to work together and play their parts in the system. Chris shared an anonymous quote, "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, to go together." Chris asked the group to continue to, as an agency, ask the question, "Am I promoting and extending homelessness, or am I preventing and ending homelessness?"

## VII. General Announcements and Public Comments

Chris asked for any general announcements or public comments. Ellen McLaughlin announced Sarasota YMCA is hiring a Youth Outreach Master Case Manager, and for interested parties to sccfl.org or to Google "Sarasota Y REACH."

Commissioner Bellamy recognized Sarasota Sheriff's Department representation at the CoC Meeting. Commissioner Bellamy stated he and others are working to develop a street outreach team in Manatee County led by Manatee County Sheriff Department, and expressed appreciation for those currently doing street outreach in Manatee County like Avery Burke and others.

Jennifer Fagenbaum of Family Promise South Sarasota County is also hiring a Diversion & Early Intervention Master Case Manager. The job description is listed on Indeed, or to reach out to her if there are interested applicants.

## VIII. Adjourn

With no other announcements from providers, the CoC Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



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***Save the Dates:***

***CoC Leadership Council Meeting***

Thursday, March 12, 2020 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Glasser Schoenbaum Center- Building J-1, 1750 17th Street, Loevner Room, Sarasota, FL 34234

***Continuum of Care Meeting***

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Goodwill Manasota 2705 51st Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203

***Board of Directors Meeting***

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

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