



CoC Leadership Council Meeting

May 12, 2022, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

via Zoom

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Jon Thaxton |
| II. | Public Comment | Jon Thaxton |
| III. | Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2022 | Jon Thaxton |
| IV. | Landlord Collaborative Project | Lauren Bowen |
| V. | Discussion / Action Items | All Present |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Landlord Collaborative Name • RRH Seat • State-Certified Behavioral Health Seat • Seats of Leadership Council Members Not Attending Meetings • Other Open Seats | |
| V. | Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program | Chris Johnson |
| VI. | Strategic Plan Review | Jon Thaxton |
| VII. | General Announcements/Meeting Schedules | |
| | Adjourn | |

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.



Leadership Council 2022 Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, July 14 th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD
Annual CoC Meeting August 10 th	9:00AM – 10:30AM	TBD
Thursday, September 8 th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, November 10 th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD



Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2022

Hosted Via: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING
Cliatt, Tarnisha	Chamber of Commerce
Howell, Megan	At Large
Hays, Jessica	State Certified Domestic Violence
Richardson, Lue	Veterans / SSVF
Minor, Erin	Permanent Supportive Housing
Roseboro, Jane	State-certified Behavioral Health
Showers, Julia	At Large
Jones, DeDe	Sarasota Law Enforcement
Brady, Andy	Emergency Shelter
Sakes, Dawn	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (16-24)
Sprinkle, Roy	Sarasota County Public Schools
Taylor, Kayden	LGBTQ+ services community representative
McLeod, Erin	Seniors' services community representative
Tabor, Rob	Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Johnson, Chris	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Cuttsinger, Ron	Sarasota County
Sanders, Bill	City of Bradenton
Thaxton, John	Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Staff Present: Hilda Dutton, Lauren Bowen, Kimberly Harvey, Taylor Neighbors, Lauren Davis, Wendy McNaughton, Brandon Bellows, Cheryl Clunk, and Amiee Barth

Public Present: Jennifer Johnston and Paul Fowler

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made and a quorum reached at 3:35 pm.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2022

Minutes from the March 10, 2022, meeting were sent out electronically prior to the meeting. With no opposition to the minutes, they were approved unanimously.



IV. Landlord Collaborative Project

Lauren Bowen presented a slideshow regarding The Suncoast Housing Collaborative. She spoke about the familiar barriers to housing such as: high rents, low & moderate incomes, criminal history, substance use disorders, mental health needs, eviction history, credit history, and sex offender status. Also, the new obstacles in our community which include rapid rising rents and influx of new residents. This project offers financial benefits to landlords who relax their rental criteria and participate with the collaborative. Also, there would be a wide applicant pool, mediation support, and wraparound services. Agencies have a wider selection of housing units for their clients with streamlined searching and application process.

The next steps include collecting active landlord contact information, publicity campaign, establishing a viable funding source, developing an app, and creating a website.

Any questions please contact – lauren_b@suncoastpartnership.org

V. Discussion / Action Items

Approval of Landlord Collaborative Name

Jon Thaxton asked for a motion to approve the landlord collaborative name as *The Suncoast Housing Collaborative*. Erin McLeod – Motioned. Kayden Taylor – Second the Motion. The name *The Suncoast Housing Collaborative* was approved.

RRH Seat

Open RRH seat previously occupied by Athyna Smith. Seat will remain open until general election.

State-Certified Behavioral Health Seat

Seat vacated. Previously held by First Step. Seat will remain open until general election.

Seats of Leadership Council Members Not Attending Meetings

- Manatee County Public Schools
- Business Community-Manatee County

John Thaxton asked for a letter to be sent to Lissette Fernandez of the Manatee County School District and Michael McCorry of Bank of America to improve attendance.

Emergency Shelter seat held by Brenda Downing is now approved for Andy Brady to take seat as he is the Director of Program Services.

Other Open Seats

Faith-Based

Disability Services Community Representative

Minor Youth/Transition Age

Manatee Law Enforcement



VI. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

We have applied four times and have never been awarded. The youth system is lacking in many areas. Lost 30 points automatically on previous NOFO submitted. Use NOFO as a game plan to create a system over the next year.

VII. Strategic Plan Review and Action Items

The Strategic Plan was reviewed by Chris Johnson.

The top priorities are: (1) Increase Housing Stock; (2) High Functioning Case Managers; (3) Diversion and Early Intervention; (4) Creating Permanent Supportive Options; (5) Maintaining a Comprehensive Homeless Crisis System.

Motion to Approve/Adapt the Strategic Plan. Erin Minor – Motioned. Jessica Hays – Second. The Strategic Plan was approved unanimously.

VIII. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules

Meeting schedule was previously sent with the dates for July-November. At this time, the preference for in person meetings and remote Zoom meetings is fifty – fifty; more discussion at next meeting.

Dawn Sakes from More Too Life announced that a fundraiser is scheduled for their agency. Invitations will be sent out.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.