



CoC Leadership Council Meeting

September 8, 2022, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
via Zoom

- I. Welcome and Roll Call Jon Thaxton
- II. Public Comment Jon Thaxton
- III. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2022 Jon Thaxton
- IV. Strategic Plan Priorities Update All Present
 - Increase Affordable Housing Stock (Under 80% AMI)
 - High Functioning Case Management
 - Integrate Diversion And Early Intervention Strategies Community-Wide
 - Create 90 PSH Opportunities For Adults Who Are High Acuity Of Need; Chronic And/Or Long Term Homeless
 - Maintain A Comprehensive Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS)
- V. Suncoast Housing Collaborative Update Lauren Bowen
- VI. Discussion / Action Items Chris Johnson
 - Leadership Council Election Update
 - Election for Executive Committee Members
 - CoC Survey Review Results
 - HUD CoC NOFO Update
 - CSIS Bitfocus Update
- VII. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules Jon Thaxton
- VIII. Adjourn

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.



Leadership Council 2022 Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 10 th	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD



Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2022

Hosted Via: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees: NAME	Organization/Entity: REPRESENTING
Cliatt, Tarnisha	Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce
Faggenbaum, Jennifer	Family Promise of Sarasota County
Howell, Megan	Second Heart Homes
Hays, Jessica	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
Minor, Erin	Harvest House
Richardson, Lue	Department of Veteran's Affairs
Roseboro, Jane	Centerstone of Florida, Inc.
French, Kelly (on behalf of Julia Showers)	The Salvation Army Manatee
Jones, Dede	City of Sarasota
Brady, Andrew	The Salvation Army Sarasota
Sakes, Dawn	More Too Life
Sprinkle, Roy	Sarasota County Public Schools
McLeod, Erin	Senior Friendship Center
Calhoun, William Jr.	Manatee Housing Authority
Cassidy, Terry	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Tabor, Rob	Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Johnson, Chris	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc.
Sanders, Bill	City of Bradenton
Thaxton, Jon	Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Staff Present: Taylor Neighbors, Brandon Bellows, Lauren Davis, Lauren Bowen, and Marisol Violette

Public Present: Athyna Smith, Jennifer Johnston, Maria Santos, Scott Eller, PJ Brooks, Paul Fowler, Rita Smith, Joy Jewett, and Laurel Lynch

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Jon Thaxton welcomed everyone. Taylor Neighbors conducted the roll call, and a quorum was reached at 3:34 P.M.

II. Public Comment

Laurel Lynch, Hope Family Services expressed her enthusiasm in hearing there was DV Bonus money in the RFP, which could help survivors stay violence free. Laurel mentioned the mandatory requirement that applicants for funding must be a certified center or one who has a partnership with them.

No other comments.



III. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2022

Minutes from the July 14, 2022, meeting were sent out electronically prior to the meeting. Jon Thaxton had one minor correction – his name does not have an “h.” With no opposition to the minutes, they were approved unanimously.

IV. Strategic Plan Priorities Update

- Increase Affordable Housing Stock (Under 80% AMI)

Chris mentioned that the 25 million in ARPA funds Sarasota County allotted for affordable housing received federal recognition and was ranked 2nd in the State of Florida.

- High Functioning Case Management

Jennifer Johnston mentioned that there are four agencies (CASL, Harvest House, Family Promise of South County and Suncoast Partnership) that are included in the Trauma Informed Care Cohort.

Andrew Brady mentioned that he has been communicating with Lauren Davis and now, Maria Santos regarding more consistent case management, establishing best practices, etc. He mentioned having meetings so that the case managers can bring problematic cases to discuss, share ideas, etc.

Erin Minor commented that the training presented by the Florida Housing Coalition was “a great use of time.”

Chris mentioned the Florida Housing Coalition will be providing our CoC twelve trainings related to case management, harm reduction etc.

- Integrate Diversion and Early Intervention Strategies Community-Wide

Andrew Brady reported that in the next six months he projects double or triple the numbers of clients receiving diversion services.

- Create 90 PSH Opportunities for Adults who are High Acuity of Need; Chronic and/or Long Term Homeless

Chris stated two Bonus projects were submitted to the Review and Ranking Committee.

Erin McLeod mentioned the Home Share pilot originally started by the Senior Friendship was supposed to be housed with the Sarasota Housing Authority. No current updates on its status.

- Maintain a Comprehensive Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS)

Chris mentioned that Dawn Sakes and Cheryl Clunk have been getting our CoC ready to apply next year for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP). The Youth Action Board (YAB) will be taken on by CASL. Please let them know of interested youth ages 16 years old through 24 years old. Next meeting is September 26th. Typically, meetings will be



held monthly on the 3rd Monday at 3 P.M. If interested, please contact Dawn Sakes (More Too Life).

V. Suncoast Housing Collaborative Update

Lauren Bowen gave an update regarding the Suncoast Housing Collaborative (SHC), which is one week away from the official launch. Membership agreements for agencies should have been received already. Agencies will receive a log in. Training is scheduled for September 16th for housing locators.

Chris mentioned the SHC will be promoted on ABC 7, September 15th.

VI. Update Discussion / Action Items

- CSIS Bitfocus Update

Chris mentioned that this was Brandon Bellows last meeting since he is moving on to work for Bitfocus. He asked that everyone be patient when reaching out to the rest of the CSIS team as capacity is diminished. There will be some restructuring.

Brandon informed everyone that the CSIS Team is still working on data migration. Dashboards are being created, and he is finishing resolving data issues. Brandon is contracting with Suncoast Partnership until December.

- Leadership Council Elections Update

Effective October 1, 2022

Maria Santos, At Large
Tarnisha Cliatt, Chamber of Commerce
Jessica Hayes, State-Certified Domestic Violence
Scott Eller, Permanent Supportive Housing
Jane Roseboro, State-Certified Behavioral Health (Manatee)
Mark Smith, State-Certified Behavioral Health (Sarasota)
Erin Minor, Minor / Youth Transition Age Provider
Lissette Fernandez, Manatee County Public Schools
Rita Smith, Business Community Representative (Manatee)
Michael Raposa, Rapid Rehousing Provider
Deputy Joy Jewett, Manatee Law Enforcement
Tina Juillerat, Faith Based Community Advocate

- Election for Executive Committee Members -
Unanimous vote for the following:

Chair: Jon Thaxton
Vice Chair: Erin Minor
Secretary: Jane Roseboro



At Large: Tarnisha Cliatt
Megan Howell

- CoC Survey Review Results -
Chris presented the survey that was conducted.
 - How would you rate your satisfaction with the CoC General Members Meetings?
Most responded in the *Middle or Excellent*
 - How would you rate your knowledge on the Homeless Crisis Response System?
Most responded: *Familiar with the Homeless Crisis Response System*
 - What component of the Homelessness Crisis Response System needs the most attention and improvement over the next year?
Homeless Prevention
Permanent Supportive Housing
Rapid Rehousing
 - What component(s) of the Homelessness Crisis Response System, if any, do you least understand or would like better understanding?
Most responded: *I feel knowledgeable about all these areas.*
 - What service needs are not currently being met by the Homelessness Crisis Response System?
Prioritization and Coordinated Entry system do not align with CoC needs, offerings and best practices.
Permanent Supportive Housing
Medical needs of clients
 - Rate your level of satisfaction with funding available in our community for *emergency shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing.*
Most responded: *Very unsatisfied and unsatisfied*
 - How would you rate your satisfaction with Coordinated Entry?
Not too satisfied with prioritization and referral process or with VI-SPDAT and assessment questions.
 - How would you rate the effectiveness of agencies within the CoC collaborating and working together on projects and innovative strategies in the community?
Most responded: *Not too satisfied*
 - How would you rate your satisfaction with the Community Services Information System (CSIS/HMIS)?
Most responded in the Middle or Lower Satisfaction

Chris will be sending the results of the survey to all the Leadership Council Members.

- HUD CoC NOFO Update

Chris shared the current unofficial priority listing for the CoC NOFO from the Review and Ranking Committee. He mentioned that there is one appeal which will be reviewed by the Review and Ranking Committee. Jessica Hays stated that neither she nor Laurel Lynch had any knowledge of DV collaboration with the agency that was currently listed on the unofficial priority list for the DV Bonus funding.

VII. General Announcements/Meeting Schedules

HSAC meeting will be held in Venice on Tuesday, September 13th.

Tarnisha Cliatt mentioned that the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance will be hosting their Second Annual Elevating the CommUnity Event at the Bradenton Convention Center in Palmetto.

Jon Thaxton reminded everyone of the next Leadership Council meeting scheduled for November 10th.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.