

Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2019

Location: 1750 17th Street J1 - Sarasota, FL 34234

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

CoC Leadership Council Members: 10 members in attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Organization</u>
Brown, Heidi	Jewish Family and Children's Service
Booker, Tara	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Erozer, Adell	Turning Points
Moran, Michael	Sarasota County
Minor, Erin	Harvest House Transitional Centers
Lynch, Laurel	HOPE Family Services
Roseboro, Jane	Centerstone of Florida
Russell, William	Sarasota Housing Authority
Showers, Julia	The Salvation Army, Manatee
Stiff, Kevin	The City of Sarasota Police Department
Thaxton, Jon	Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Public Attendees: Amy Jones, The Salvation Army, Sarasota, Chris Johnson, The Salvation Army, Sarasota, Lue Richardson, VA, Ginger Diegert-McLean, Eduardo Gloria Catholic Charities,

Suncoast Partnership Staff: Tara Booker, Brandon Bellows, Amiee Barth, Lauren Davis, Shellie Hummel, Beth Moser, Andre Grant.

I. Welcome

Kevin Stiff welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. Introductions and Certify Quorum

Kevin Stiff announced that a quorum could not be verified. He called the non-meeting to order with note that action items would be deferred to the next meeting or voted on electronically.

Kevin reminded the Council about Robert Rules, noting that those with comments should address the topic not the person and asked that those comments be limited to three minutes.

III. Action Item – Approval of 5.9.19 Minutes

Kevin Stiff asked that everyone review the CoC Leadership Council meeting minutes from May 9th, 2019 as distributed electronically. Tara Booker provided an opportunity for those minutes to be viewed on screen. Kevin Stiff asked for additions or corrections to be sent to the staff for updating and noted that the May 9th meeting minutes would be voted on at the next meeting.

IV. Meeting Schedule

Kevin introduced the topic of the meeting schedule for 2020. Jon Thaxton noted that it would be difficult to have a discussion about meetings and meeting times when the people who needed to be present for that discussion are the same reason a quorum could not be confirmed.

Discussion included Commission Moran, noting that alternates could be used or using a doodle poll to determine a better date and time. Heidi Brown noted that the calendar is set well in advance. Kevin Stiff noted that alternates do provide an issue as they wouldn't be voting members. It was noted that the afternoons work better for student representatives. Tara Booker noted that the date and time were arranged around commission meetings.

Tara noted that in the strategic planning meetings it was brought up that there should be more committee work and that it was cumbersome to have so many meetings.

Jon Thaxton suggested sticking with the current time and contacting those not attending to find out what the reason for their absence was. All agreed to the current schedule of every other month.

V. Items for Approval

Kevin Stiff, noted that the items slotted for approval would be sent out for electronic vote since a quorum could not be verified.

- **CoC 1 year Strategic Plan**

Kevin Stiff noted that the CoC 1 year Strategic Plan has been posed. Tara explained that the Strategic Plan needed to be voted on prior to the CoC targeted submission date on September 25, 2019. She noted that no comments have been made on the plan to date.

Tara noted that the plan covers one year. She believes that the team will be able to move forward with a three-year plan for ending homelessness next year.

Tara explained that the plan was broken down by components:

The Continuum of Care Component, which is a big picture focus that falls to the Leadership Council and work groups of the Leadership Council.

The System Components included: outreach, coordinated entry, diversion, early intervention, prevention, rapid rehousing and permanent Housing.

The plan is then further broken down, where relative, to specific target group.

- **Submission of the FY 19 CoC Consolidated Application**

Kevin Stiff noted that the vote for the submission of the FY19 CoC Consolidated Application would be voted on electronically.

- **Language updates to the Governance Charter**

Kevin Stiff noted that the language updates to the Governance Charter would be revisited at the next meeting.

VI. Recognition of Newly Elected and Returning Members of the Leadership Council

Tara Booker introduced the new Leadership Council Members, who would start in October:

- Lived Homeless Experience: Ginger M. Diegert McLean
- Faith Community Seat: Eduardo Gloria, COO, Catholic Charities

Kevin Stiff, congratulated the returning members to the Leadership Council:

- Veterans/SSVF: Heidi Brown, Jewish Family and Children’s Service of the Suncoast
- Rapid Re-Housing: Adell Erozer, Turning Points
- Law Enforcement: Kevin Stiff, City of Sarasota
- Emergency Shelter – Major Chuck Whiten, The Salvation Army Sarasota Area Command
- At Large - Scott Eller, Community Assisted and Supported Living (C.A.S.L.)

VII. Election of Leadership Council Chair and Executive Committee for 2019/2020

Tara explained that there are four executive committee seats that are currently held by: Kevin Stiff, Heidi Brown, Julie Showers and Erin Minor and that the chair position could not be held by a service provider. Kevin asked for nomination for the Board Chair seat. Jon Thaxton nominated Kevin Stiff. Tara noted that there is no mention in the bylaws about reelection of current Executive Committee members or term limits. Kevin Stiff recommended that the current members remain in place. Laurel Lynch noted that the team should be mindful of representation from Manatee County. Tara Booker asked if she would be willing to serve. Laurel agreed.

An electronic ballad will be distributed with the following slate:

- Kevin Stiff, Chair
- Julie Showers, Vice Chair
- Heidi Brown
- Erin Minor
- Laurel Lynch

VIII. General Announcements

Tara announced that she sent out an email regarding HUD funding opportunities and applications. She noted that we were not selected to be a Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Site in the round 3 funding allocations and congratulated Palm Beach County for being the first Florida site selected. Tara went on to say that HUD anticipates releasing round 4 of funding shortly and that Suncoast Partnership will apply on behalf of our CoC when it becomes available.

William Russell asked if the applications were recycled or if it required a new application each time. Tara informed the group that each round required a new application. Tara noted that we need to work on the youth action piece to make a stronger application and look for ways to engage youth in leaders. Tara noted that we have to the full application posted on the website by September 23rd and that the staff and providers are working diligently to accomplish that.

Tara noted that the Human Trafficking NOFA was canceled. Jon Thaxton asked who makes that discussion. Tara noted that it was discretionary funding and that the site does not list a contact. It just states canceled.

Mike Moran noted that Sarasota County Commission has been discussing the Mental Health Care Special District. It's a funding source through a Florida statute that allows for a structure for community to bring about a voter's referendum to address mental health care. It is incredibly flexible. The only rule is that you can't bond. It would provide constant funding. Mike asked for input from the group for what that might look like. Jon Thaxton added that it is designed to be a community-based funding distribution-based model rather than a commission-based model. It can be used for capital projects, staffing and programming costs. Jon noted that we needed to be conscious that this needs to be seen as coming from the private sector rather than government. And noted that it must be approved by 50% plus one and that this would take the funding out of health and human services and place it into the community to build capacity. He noted that while it is targeted for mental health it is flexible on how it reaches out. Jon would be happy to share the statute. Mike Moran noted that it could help limit duplication and streamline some services.

Kevin Stiff noted that Community Care Court was started in January of this year with the help of Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Kevin asked that if any of the groups have someone that is involved in the criminal system to please reach out to him. Kevin noted that Sarasota started the first court in the state. Miami was second by a day.

Tara shared that Palm Beach County (she believes) has started a mobile mental health and medication program where they provided services and medication on the street to stabilized people before they move them off the street.

- IX.** Information and Public Comments
- X.** Meeting Adjourned by Kevin Stiff at 4:08 p.m.

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Next CoC Leadership Council Meeting (unless voted otherwise on this agenda)

Thursday, November 14th 3:30 PM –5:00 PM Location TBD