

Northwest Florida Continuum of Care

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NWFL CoC Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018 – 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City

Attendees: Catherine Anglin-Greene; Jennifer Bannister; Denise Baril; Amie Bishop; Shawn Block; Joel Booth; Christina Brannon; Stormy Shiver; Johanna Calloway; Laurie Combs; Kayleigh Cosson; Isaac Crawford; Whitney Davis; Jennifer Douds; Angie Dyer; Darrin Francis; Betty Gehrken; Montiana Gilbert; Hollee Hansen; Rocky Harrison; Brenda Helms; Teri Henry; Neil Hickem; Amber Jones; Michael Johnson; John Kittler; Savanna Laskey; Dayton Lister; Ronda Lynch; Adrienne McCardle; Robin Merritt; Vivian Mohamed; Keri Morgan; Andrew O’Barr; Yvonne Petrasovits; Amanda Rich; Maryann Roberts; Rhonda Rose; Shayma Salman; John Shaffer; Jo Shaffer; Naomi Sharp; Matt Standish; William Swift; Tara Taylor; Jim Traylor; DiAnna West; John Whitley; Katie Williams; Trudie Downs; Jennifer Spooner; Rhonda Lewis; Arick Harrs; Beverly Mayo; Jasmine Abreu; Eva Wise; Cheryl Jones; Jennifer Burkett; Liz Bennett; Mike Bennett; Brian Hodge; Pete Oliver; Mary Oliver; Jennifer Pope; Larry Davis

Total: 65

Welcome/Call to Order: Katie Williams welcomed everyone to the NWFL CoC Meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:36am.

Approval of Minutes: Naomi Sharp made a motion to approve the January 10th minutes; motion seconded by Vivian Mohamed. All in favor; minutes approved.

Speaker: Yvonne Petrasovits, Executive Director, Doorways of NWFL:

Point in Time:

Yvonne presented the following information from this year’s Point in Time (PIT) Count; these results are preliminary, pending data de-duplication and review for accuracy:

- Approximately 440 surveys were submitted by over 40 volunteers and agencies utilizing the Counting Us mobile app.
- Of those surveys submitted, 265 individuals reported being unsheltered, 96 individuals were in emergency shelter, and 75 individuals were in transitional housing
- Nearly 2/3 of those surveyed were experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Ms. Petrasovits thanked all the volunteers for their hard work during Point in Time. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those volunteers present. The final count results will be

released in early March.

FY18-19 Funding Opportunity:

A 2018-2019 Request for Proposals (RFP) was released via email to the CoC membership on Friday, February 2, 2018 and is also available on the Doorways of NWFL website at doorwaysnwfl.org. This will be the last year of the three year unified contract, which includes the Challenge Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Homelessness Prevention Grant funding. Proposals are due by Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5:00pm and will only be accepted via email at nwflgovernance@gmail.com. Following are the available projects and allocations:

- ESG - \$147,500.00: Rapid Rehousing \$94,500.00, Emergency Shelter \$18,000.00, Street Outreach \$35,000.00
- Challenge - \$145,820: Rapid Rehousing, Shelter Aide, Case Management
- TANF - \$29,100: Past Due Rent or Mortgage, Past Due Utilities, Case Management

Proposals will be assessed and ranked by the Review and Scoring Committee: Katie Williams, Chair; Rhonda Rose; Michael Vosbrink; Tara Taylor; and, Georgia Dockery. Please visit the Doorways website for full RFP requirements.

HMIS:

- The NWFL CoC has added 3 new members to its Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): BASIC, Life Management Center, and The Ark.

Governance Board

Chair

Ann Wing

Vice-Chair

Katie Williams

Secretary

Yvonne Petrasovits

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Kay Daniel

Jo Shaffer

Catherine Wynne

Stanley Taylor

Michael Vosbrink

Nicole Kennedy

Kathy Donofro

Tara Taylor

Karen Thornton

Jenna Haligas

Georgia Dockery

•Upon release of ServicePoint 6, all HMIS member agencies will have access to a new reporting tool, Qlik, which will enable agencies to run reports specific to their services.

Agency Announcements:

Bethel Village/Panama City Rescue Mission:

-Proverbs 31 Spring 2018 Yard Sale and Baked Goods Sale: Friday 2/23/18 7:30am-3:00pm and Saturday 02/24/18 7:30am-12:00pm @ Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City

-Discovery Luncheon Tour: Thursday 3/8/18 1:00pm @ PCRM 609 Allen Avenue, Panama City

-Hope Café: Monday – Friday 11:30am-1:00pm @ PCRM 609 Allen Avenue, Panama City

90Works:

-Is committed to helping people overcome homelessness, poverty, and family violence by becoming self sufficient

-Assists veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless obtain safe and stable housing. Contact Isaac Crawford for more information by email: icrawford@90works.org or calling 850.776.7672.

United Way 2-1-1 Northwest Florida:

-Confidential, free information and referral hotline serving Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington counties.

-Available 24/7/365

-Connects callers with health and human services, housing, shelter, financial assistance, health care, food, clothing, etc.

-If your agency is not listed in the 2-1-1 database and would like more information please contact Hollee Hansen at hhansen@unitedwaynwfl.org, 850.215.6753, or Savanna Laskey at spenland@unitedwayescambia.org

Anchorage Children's Home:

-2nd cycle of SNAP clinical groups will begin mid-February and be held in the evenings after 5pm. Transportation can be provided if needed and referrals may come from family or anyone who knows a child they may think can benefit from SNAP.

-Questions should be directed to Janet Hollomon, SNAP Coordinator at jhollomon@achkids.org or 850.763.7102

Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services:

-Please see attached flyer or contact Wendy Fletcher-Altman at 850.691.0592 (office) or 850.819.1963 (cell)

Florida Department of Health in Bay/Gulf County WIC Program:

-Piloting a Nutrition Education Program online at WICHealth.org for WIC participants only. A wide variety of topics are offered for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, new mothers, infants, children, and families. This program may eventually limit the amount a times the client needs to go into the WIC office for services.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15am.

Networking Lunch provided by Doorways of NWFL.

Upcoming Meetings:

- CoC General Meeting – March 14th – Grace Presbyterian Church - 10:30am*

-CoC Governance Board Meeting – March 19th – PanCare Medical - 11:00am*

-Doorways Board of Directors Meeting – March 20th – United Way - 3:00pm*

**Meetings are subject to change with advance notice. Please check our website for updated meeting dates and times:
doorwaysnwfl.org*

Submitted by Adrienne McCardle

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