

Northwest Florida Continuum of Care

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NWFL CoC Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Ciara Davis; Jasmine Abreu; Catherine Anglin-Greene; Jennifer Bannister; Denise Baril; Angela Bernard; Shawn Block; Joel Booth; Christina Brannon; Tiffany Brock; Renata Chambers; Laurie Combs; Denita Cook; Kayleigh Cosson; Isaac Crawford; Whitney Davis; Chris Dawson; Angie Dyer; Darrin Francis; Betty Gehrken; Gina Graham; Joy Griffin; Rocky Harrison; Brenda Helms; Neil Hickem; Eddie Hodgens; Elouise James; Brittany Johnston; Amber Jones; Priscilla Keneen; John Kittler; James Klent; Rhonda Lewis; Dayton Lister; Michael Martin; Vivian Mohamed; Kiersten Murphey; Renee Pelache; Kari Peterson; Yvonne Petrasovits; Shayma Salman; Stormy Shiver; Jennifer Spooner; Matt Standish; Tara Taylor; Karen Thornton; DiAnna West; John Whitley; Ted Wilson; Carlas Wodford; Jeff (illegible last name)

Total: 51

Governance Board

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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

Welcome/Call to Order: Yvonne Petrasovits welcomed everyone to the NWFL CoC Meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:38am.

Approval of Minutes: John Whitley made a motion to approve the February 14th minutes; motion seconded by Betty Gehrken. All in favor; minutes approved.

CoC Updates: Yvonne reminded everyone that the RFP is due Friday, March 16th for the 2018 CoC Funding Opportunity. The week after the scoring committee will meet and results will be posted to the Doorways website on Monday, March 26th. The appeal process will be open after the results have been posted and remain open until April 3, 2018.

Legislative Update: Yvonne informed the CoC that the FY 18/19 legislative session resulted in the reduction of Challenge Grant funding by \$900,000 an increase in ESG funding by approximately \$1.5 million, which will be divided proportionally across Florida. This is mainly in response to last year's hurricane damage and loss of housing. We will keep the CoC updated on any further information related to how this impacts our funding awards.

Speaker: Kari Peterson, Senior Victim Advocate with Gulf Coast Sexual Assault Program:

The Gulf Coast Sexual Assault Program began to provide services to adult and minor victims of sexual violence in Bay, Gulf, Jackson, Calhoun, Washington, and Holmes Counties in 2015. A 24-Hour Hotline serves to provide immediate telephone crisis intervention services to all primary and secondary victims of sexual violence. They also provide services to those assaulted in jail.

Hotline: 1-866-218-4738

By calling this hotline, the caller will be assisted in evaluating immediate needs, provided information about available resources, provided information about the effects of sexual violence, general information about medical and legal issues, offered advocacy services and provided options regarding next steps. Any request made to the Sexual Assault Program will prompt a response by one of their qualified Victim Advocates within an acceptable time frame. Advocates can provide multiple referrals and information, crisis counseling, court accompaniment, and support for the client in their time of need.

Agency Announcements:

United Way 2-1-1 Northwest Florida:

-There was a significant increase in calls for financial assistance related to heating expenses associated with the cold days experienced in January.

Longleaf Outreach/Evers House

-Another house will be opening in April and will be serving 12 women. Tentatively a third house serving 8 women will be opening in May. Still searching for a larger facility to serve 40+ women.

-Evers House Immediate Needs (flyer attached)

-Springtime Jamz (flyer attached)

-Painting with a Twist, April 12th 6-9pm at 2503 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (Hwy 77)

Early Education and Care:

-Accepting applications for Early Head Start (birth-2 yrs.) and pregnant mothers and Head Start (3-5yrs.) for 2018/19 and possibly current year (depending on enrollment). Apply online at eekids.org or in person at EEC- 450 Jenks Ave, Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm

-KidFest and application for agency booth at event (flyer and application attached)

Submitted by Kiersten Murphey

Upcoming Meetings:

CoC General Meeting- Wednesday, April 11th at Grace Presbyterian church at 10:30am

Governance Board Meeting- Monday, April 16th at PanCare Medical at 11:00am

Board of Directors Meeting- TBD