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NWFL CoC Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018 – 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City

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Karen Thornton

Jenna Haligas

Georgia Dockery

Attendees: Catherine Anglin-Greene; Jennifer Bannister; Denise Baril; Angela Bernard; John Bouldin; Renata Chambers; Kayleigh Cosson; Isaac Crawford; James Darnell; Ciara Davis; Ron Demkowski; Sarina DiCalogero; Angie Dyer; Darrin Francis; Kim Gandy; Arlene Garner; Betty Gehrken; Melinda Glover; Stephanie Gravely; Rocky Harrison; Brenda Helms; Neil Hickem; John Kittler; Sarah Lee; Rhonda Lewis; Kat Lohman; Ronda Lynch; Beverly Mayo; Adrienne McCardle, Vivian Mohamed; Kiersten Murphey; Yvonne Petrasovits; Jennifer Pope; Amanda Rich; Maryann Roberts; Rhonda Rose; Jacquelyn Schmidt; Naomi Sharp; Jennifer Spooner; Matt Standish; Tara Taylor; Maggie Tomecek; Jim Traylor; C.V.(illegible name); Cindy Wilker; Ronnie Wilson; Carlas Wodford; Sarah Yelverton.

Total: 48

Welcome/Call to Order: Ann Wing welcomed everyone to the NWFL CoC Meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:32am.

Approval of Minutes: Denise Baril made a motion to approve the March 14th minutes; motion seconded by Brenda Helms. All in favor; minutes approved.

New Governance Board Member Vote: Ann Wing introduced the proposed new Governance Board Member, Rhonda Rose with the Department of Corrections. Betty Gehrken made a motion to approve Rhonda Rose; motion seconded by Rhonda Lewis. All in favor; new Governance Board Member approved.

Speakers: Cindy Wilker with Free2Be and Cathy Rifenburg with Free2Be and Founder of PFLAG PC

Mission: Free2Be works to end violence while advocating for the Human & Civil Rights of Sexual & Gender Minorities.

Every year LGBTQ people are beaten, harassed and killed just for being themselves. Many cannot find safety at home or in their intimate relationships. Free2Be Panama City (free2be.org) supported by PFLAG-PC (pflag-pc.org) will offer a wide range of LGBTQ resources. Currently, Free2Be PC is offering an after school drop-in center and Youth Peer Support Group for ages 13-18 every Monday from 5:00-7:00 at 1608 Baker Court, Room 6 in Panama City. **850-252-5145 or Toll Free 844-666-6683**

Direct social services include counseling, support groups, public advocacy, and professional development are provided through the Free2Be Safe Anti-Violence Project. This project is a regional endeavor to address Intimate Partner Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Bullying, and other forms of violence which damage all of us as individuals and as a society. With community support Free2Be works to help survivors overcome trauma while providing public education and services to support the development of healthy relationships. Free2Be provides support groups for youth, young adults, transgender adults, as well as, counseling and resource referrals.

- All Free2Be Safe services are provided free because of the support of generous donors and grant funding through the Victims of Crime Act and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.
- All people needing help are welcome regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Agency Announcements:

Homeless Identification Program, Inc. (H.I.P.)

-Looking for grant writers, advice on a proposed Project and budget professionals that can assist with the budgeting for the Project. You can contact Rhonda Lynch at 850-532-9737 if interested.

-H.I.P. meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Government Building at 11:30am.

Treatment Center of Panama City:

-Open House, April 27th 11am-2pm (flyer attached)

Early Education and Care:

-Kidfest is Saturday, May 19th at Bay County Fairgrounds. If anyone would like to represent a community agency, business, group or church please fill out the activity application and agreement and provide a free children's activity for the event. Suggestions for activities are available if you need ideas. This is a great way to reach families and children in the community. There will be indoor and outdoor activities. Indoor activities are first come, first serve if the maximum capacity for tables is reached. Vendor spaces are also available. (flyers attached)

-Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment opportunities are available, especially for the upcoming school year. Applicants who are pregnant or have a child birth to five may apply at 450 Jenks Ave. or may apply at eekids.org.

-Employment opportunities: EEC is looking to hire support teachers, a registered nurse, infant/toddler caregivers (Franklin and Bay County), bus drivers and a family advocate (Franklin County). More information at eekids.org/jobs/

Florida Department of Health:

-Free Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing every Tuesday 7:30am-2pm and 4:30pm-7pm. No appointment necessary. Results in 20 minutes. (information included with flyers)

The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program:

-The Bay County Domestic Violence Advisory Council is hosting an Inaugural Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run to benefit The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program. The event will take place on Saturday, May 12th at Harley Davidson and will include a silent auction in the afternoon. (flyer attached)

Doorways of NWFL:

-Recently added HMIS participants include Life Management Center, Big Bend Community Based Care and Avicenna Clinic.

-Yvonne announced that the CoC funding has been awarded to Anchorage Children's Home, BASIC of NWFL, and Catholic Charities.

-Springfield Housing Authority will have applications available for Section 8 vouchers: April 17th from 8am-12pm and 1pm-3pm (one day only).

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Submitted by Kiersten Murphey

Upcoming Meetings:

CoC General Meeting—May 9th, 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church, PC*

Doorways Board of Directors—May 15th, 3:00pm, United Way of Northwest Florida*

CoC Governance Board—May 21st, 11:00am, PanCare Medical*

**Meeting times and locations subject to change with advance notice. Please check our website at doorwaysnwfl.org for most current information.*