

# Northwest Florida Continuum of Care

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## NWFL CoC Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018 – 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City

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**Attendees:** Catherine Anglin-Greene; Jennifer Bannister; Debi Bennis; Amie Bishop; Shawn Block; Christina Brannon; Aricka Brown; Ken Chisholm; Kayleigh Cosson; Kay Daniel; Georgia Dockery; Jennifer Douds; Darrin Francis; Tracey Frazier; Gina Graham; Rocky Harrison; Neil Hickem; Melissa Ivey; Amber Jones; John Kittler; Rhonda Lewis; Carmen Lundy; Ronda Lynch; Darla Martello; Beverly Mayo; Trudy McCall; Kelli Mellerski; Kiersten Murphey; Pete Oliver; Renee Pelache; Yvonne Petrasovits; Jennifer Pope; Maryann Roberts; Shayma Salman; Jacquelyn Schmidt; Naomi Sharp; Stormy Shiver; Jennifer Spooner; Matt Standish; William Swift; Kenny Thompson; Jim Traylor; John Whitley; Cindy Wilker; Ted Wilson; Ronnie Wilson; Carlas Wodford; Kim Yates; Robert Yates

**Total: 49**

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Yvonne Petrasovits welcomed everyone to the NWFL CoC Meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:31am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Pete Oliver made a motion to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> minutes; motion seconded by Cindy Wilker. All in favor; minutes approved.

**FY 18/19 Funding Update:** Yvonne Petrasovits announced that award amounts are pending final budgets from DCF, however the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) will be increased and Challenge funding has not been announced yet. The sub-recipients are as follows: Catholic Charities-Rapid Re-housing (RRH), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) homelessness prevention and St. Barnabus will have 2 Emergency Shelter beds. BASIC NWFL-RRH and ESG. Life Management Center- ESG, RRH and Street Outreach and Recovery Program (SOAR).

### **Speakers: Renee Pelache and Kelli Mellerski with Early Education and Care:**

Head Start is a national program for children designed to help prepare children ages 3-5 for school. Early Education and Care's Head Start program provides professional services with: education and early childhood development, medical and dental, disability and mental health and nutrition and parent involvement. Early Head Start provides services to income eligible, pregnant women and children ages 0-3 years, encourages prenatal care in pregnant women, offers a Child Development Program seeking to enhance the development of infants and toddlers through a proactive approach to promotion of healthy child development and family functioning, supports high level of parent involvement and partnership, has an inclusive program available for children with disabilities, believes that families can identify their own strengths and needs, set their own goals, and are capable of growth and partners with many community agencies to provide the best available resources to families. The Home-Based and Pregnant Mom's Programs provide comprehensive Head Start services to pregnant women, children, ages 0-3 years, and their families. Through the home-based option, families receive the same services as those participating in center-based programs. While the center-based Head Start option focuses on the child in a classroom setting, the home-based option focuses on the family and the child in a home setting. For more information visit [eekids.org](http://eekids.org) or you can call 850-872-7550 (EEC Application Attached).

## **Agency Announcements:**

Family Network on Disabilities (FND): Do you have questions about special education? If you know a family who has a special needs member between the ages of newborn-26 FND can assist them by offering FREE help and information. Our Motto: 'Striving for complete integration and the equality of people with disabilities in society without barriers.' If you visit our FNDPOPIN Facebook page you can access our Facebook Live Webinars on all types of Special Education topics. At [www.fndusa.org](http://www.fndusa.org) visitors can access the FND University 24/7 and learn about resources at the local, state and federal level. For more information please contact Debi Bennis at [debi@fndfl.org](mailto:debi@fndfl.org) or 603-957-1872. (brochure included)

Adjourned at 11:32am

*Submitted by Kiersten Murphey*

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

CoC General Meeting- Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am—**Panama City Rescue Mission, Hope Café, 609 Allen Ave.\* (lunch donations welcome)**

Governance Board Meeting- Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – 11am— PanCare Medical\*

Board of Directors Meeting- Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 3pm – United Way of NWFL\*

CoC Annual Meeting- Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am – St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, PC\*