

# Northwest Florida Continuum of Care

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## NWFL CoC Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018 – 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church

### Governance Board

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Michael Vosbrink  
Katie Williams

#### Secretary

Yvonne Petrasovits

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Ann Wing  
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Nicole Kennedy  
Tara Taylor  
Karen Thornton  
Jenna Haligas  
Georgia Dockery  
Rhonda Rose  
Karen White  
Wendy Fletcher-Altman  
Mike Ansley

**Attendees:** Catherine Anglin-Greene, Mike Ansley; Jennifer Bannister; Bill Barker; Debi Bennis, Joel Booth, Christina Brannon; Renata Chambers; Toshiya Connor; Kayleigh Cosson; Larry Davis; Kelly Day; Angie Dyer; Dwayne Evans; Deidra Faulkner; Wendy Fletcher-Altman; Darrin Francis; Betty Gehrken; Rocky Harrison; Lindsay Holmes; Kristen Huskins; Samuel Jackson; Amber Jones; John Kittler; Ronda Lynch; Trudy McCall; Vivian Mohamed; Lisa Moore; Kiersten Murphey; Renee Pelache; Yvonne Petrasovits; Naomi Sharp; Matt Standish; Tara Taylor; John Whitley; Cindy Wilker; Katie Williams; Ronnie Wilson; Ted Wilson; Ann Wing; Eva Woods; Kim Yates; Robert Yates

**Total: 43**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Wendy Fletcher-Altman made a motion to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes; motion seconded by Renee Pelache. All in favor; minutes approved.

**Annual CoC Meeting:** There will not be a CoC Meeting on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> as regularly scheduled. The Annual CoC Meeting will be on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club in Panama City (RSVP to [info@doorwaysnwfl.org](mailto:info@doorwaysnwfl.org) by August 2nd).

**2018 CoC Competition Now Open:** There are 2 funding opportunities available to all six of the counties through HUD. One project is for Domestic Violence and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) which is for \$76,384 and the other project is for Transitional Housing into RRH or RRH to Permanent Supportive Housing and is for \$45,831. These projects will run for a 12-month grant cycle.

**FY 18-19 Challenge Funding Update:** Challenge Grant funding will be available in October; however, we will have less than a year to spend the funds. The available funding will be decreased from last year and the amounts are TBD. A Request for Proposal will be released in September for anyone interested in becoming a sub-recipient of Challenge Grant funding.

### **Speaker: Katie Williams, Emerald Coast Behavioral Health:**

Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital is a Joint Commission accredited psychiatric hospital. Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital provides mental health services to children, adolescents, adults, active duty service members and their families, and Veterans. They serve all 6 counties. They provide acute psychiatric services in a safe and nurturing environment to children (ages 4 to 12), adolescents (ages 13 to 17), and adults (ages 18 and older). Their goal is to stabilize acute symptoms as quickly as possible, so patients can continue treatment in a less restrictive, outpatient environment. The four outpatient centers offer intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization programs with the same patient-centered care for individualized, specific treatment goals allowing the best continuity of care for clients. Emergency mental health services, assessments, and

admissions are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are a designated Baker Act receiving facility with a 72-hour observation period. More information is available at [emeraldcoastbehavioral.com](http://emeraldcoastbehavioral.com)

### **Agency Announcements:**

**John Kittler, Florida Veterans Communities:** We have closed out our efforts in Marion County and are now wholly focused in Bay County. If anyone would like to help with our fundraising in conjunction with the Florida Ironman on 3 November, please contact us. This can be a lot of fun and a nice Saturday in fresh air!  
[fl.veterans.com@gmail.com](mailto:fl.veterans.com@gmail.com)

**Pat Sabiston, CROSSing Paths, Inc:** The Community Adult Protective Taskforce was formed to address the urgent needs of disabled individuals, elderly, and the Veteran population in Bay County. This is an informal, networking group of individuals who have a heart for the people we serve and who are willing to share information to assist with problem solving. The group meets on a monthly basis, the LAST FRIDAY of each month. The next meeting is Friday, July 27, 2018 at 9 a.m. held at the United Way Community Meeting Room. To receive a form to begin to receive meeting notices, please contact Pat Sabiston at:  
[executivedirector@crossingpathsbay.org](mailto:executivedirector@crossingpathsbay.org) or (850) 832-3034

**Ronda Lynch, Homeless Identification Program, Inc:** If this agency has assisted your clients in the past, please provide us with a letter of appreciation. We are trying to obtain funding to keep the Identification Program available, and any success stories or testimonials will help us do that. Thank you! [homelessid@bellsouth.net](mailto:homelessid@bellsouth.net)

**Debi Bennis, Family Network on Disabilities (FND):** AS the NWFL Parent Training Information Project, POPIN (Parents of the Panhandle Information Center) empowers and educates families and individuals with disabilities on resources that might assist them to lead productive lives. By offering free help and information to families of students with disabilities, self-advocates and the professionals that serve them (ages birth to 26). FND “strives for complete integration and the equality of people with disabilities in society without barriers.” Check out our website [www.fndusa.org](http://www.fndusa.org) and please visit our Facebook page FND POPIN

**Dwayne Evans, CareerSource Gulf Coast, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist:** Next Homeless Veteran Stand Down Meeting will be Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at CareerSource Gulf Coast. The 2018 Veteran Stand Down will be Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church of Panama City from 9:00am-1:00pm. (850) 872-4340 ext. 105

➤ *Please see attached flyers for upcoming events as well as agency information.*

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Annual CoC Meeting (in place of regularly scheduled CoC Meeting)**—August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, PC\* **RSVP to [info@doorwaysnwfl.org](mailto:info@doorwaysnwfl.org) by August 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- CoC Governance Board**—August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, **United Way of Northwest Florida\***
- Doorways Board of Directors**—August 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00pm, United Way of Northwest Florida\*

*\*Meeting date, time & location subject to change. Please visit our website for updates [doorwaysnwfl.org](http://doorwaysnwfl.org)*

*Submitted by Kiersten Murphey*

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