



**Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care Meeting**  
**ACTS – 4612 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa, FL 33610**  
**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 9:00 -10:30 a.m.**  
**Agenda**

- Networking**                    Please join us at 8:30 a.m. for networking
- Welcome and Introductions:**            Antoinette Hayes-Triplett, THHI
- Minutes:**                                          Approval of September Minutes

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
 Roseanne Cupoli, The Spring of Tampa Bay

**HMIS/System Performance Update: Length of Stay**  
 Ashley Wynn, THHI

<b>CoC Committee Reports:</b>	<b>CoC Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Meeting Information</b>
	Executive Planning	Antonio Byrd	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 10:00
	Consumer Advisory	Susan Raines	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30
	Coordinated Entry	Jason Zarolnick (Interim)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 11:00
	Outreach	Officer Randi Whitney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 9:00
	Point In Time	Alicia Banks	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue., June-Dec., 10:00
	Rank and Review	Jana Balicki	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 2:30
	Service Delivery	Noel Johnson	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10:00
	Unaccompanied Youth	Chelsea Broy	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30
	UNITY Advisory	April Wales	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.-Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. – 2:00
	Veterans Leadership	Sara Romeo	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 11:00

**Announcements:                    Community Announcements**

**Adjournment:                        Next CoC Meeting: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, ACTS - 4612 N. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Tampa 33610**

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**Meeting Minutes**

- **Meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.**
- **Introductions – Antonio Byrd, THHI**
- **Approval of September minutes:**
  - Minutes were accepted as presented.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Roseanne Cupoli (The Spring of Tampa Bay)**
  - Data shows there is a large link between Domestic Violence and Homelessness.
  - Any local agencies that may benefit by having The Spring speak at their facility regarding domestic violence planning or training on how to screen victims, please reach out.
  - 1 in 3 women will experience Domestic Violence or physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner.
  - Men can be survivors as well, but the overwhelming majority of victims of battering are women, as battering is typically perpetrated towards women by men.
  - On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 calls to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
  - Over 15 million children lived in a home in which domestic violence occurred within the past year.
  - 7 million children lived in a home where *severe* domestic violence is present.
  - 1 in 3 adolescent girls experiencing physical, verbal, or emotional abuse report physical, verbal, or emotional abuse from a dating partner.
  - Survivors often experience long-term physical and mental health effects as a result of the violence they have endured, as well as substance abuse, poor birth outcomes, which equals millions of dollars in lost productivity and healthcare costs.
  - Oftentimes, victims will go on to experience homelessness as a result of their abuse.
  - The National Alliance To End Homelessness has reported that oftentimes people who choose to batter their partners are not against the law. Minimizing, putting down, blaming, manipulation, etc., as well as economic abuse.
  - Many survivors cannot leave their relationship due to the economic and financial abuse.
  - About half of homeless women report that domestic violence was directly responsible for their homelessness.
  - Domestic Violence PIT Counts – facilitated every year in September by the National Network to End Domestic Violence. All 42 centers in Florida participate in this count. Last year, in a 24-hour period, there were 40,470 adult and child survivors in emergency shelters due to domestic violence abuse.



- 31,775 survivors received non-residential services.
- 11,441 requests for services were denied due to lack of resources to assist.
- Last year, The Spring of Tampa Bay had 0 requests denied on the day of the count.
- This year, there were 10 people denied for services.
- Rates are so high, that all agencies should be assessing for Domestic Violence.
- Agencies all have a consent procedure to enter a client's information into HMIS. This information is accessible by many people, and this could be drawing a map for a survivor's abuser. This is why agencies should screen for Domestic Violence prior to sharing information about a client.
- The Spring of Tampa Bay's 24-Hour Hotline is not just for victims and screening for shelter, but agencies and service-providers can also call to request for a safety plan for a client.
- Safety Planning is the most critical service offered by The Spring. Advocates are always available to create an individualized safety plan for clients.
- Perpetrators of Domestic Violence – this is not an anger management issue or substance abuse issue. This is a power and control issue. When batterers feels they are losing power/control, aggression goes through the roof.
- Victim's likelihood of being killed by their abuser is highest when they are fleeing or planning to flee.
- High Risk Factors:
  - Strangulation (victim's risk of being murdered increases by 700%).
  - Stalking Behavior
  - If victim believes that their partner has the capability to kill them.
  - If the abuser has ever threatened to kill them.
  - Abuser has used or threatened victim with a weapon.
  - Abuse during a pregnancy (oftentimes abuse begins during a pregnancy).
  - An increase in violence.
  - Abuser gets drunk/high almost daily.
  - Controlling behavior.
  - Violently or constantly jealous.
  - Threats to commit suicide.
  - Threats to harm the children.
  - Forced sex.
  - Access to a gun.
- The Spring of Tampa Bay's 128-bed Emergency Shelter was officially *at capacity* as of yesterday.
- Usually about half of the census in the shelter are children, many are between the ages of 0-8.
- There are many ongoing services provided, kids' team program, safety advocates who are assigned as a case manager, afterschool program in age-appropriate groups. Children learn through activities on how to keep safe and what to do if mom and dad are fighting.



- Leaving an abuser is a process, and many victims leave their abusers multiple times and return before finally leaving for good.
  - Survivors have reported that many times they return to their abusers due to lack of resources, housing options and employment, and victims feel they have no other options.
  - **Economic Empowerment** - Survivors are offered an Economic Empowerment program offered to clients to work on their financial stability and their credit.
  - **Shelter University** – Volunteers come on site to provide educational opportunities such as interview skills, resume writing, computer skills, etc.
  - **Outreach Services** – The Spring’s public location on Willow Ave in South Tampa: offers Case Management, Support Groups, groups for survivors involved in the Child Welfare system. The Spring serves over 1,100 adults in this outreach program every year.
  - **Prevention and Education** – Two advocates that work with the school system and other agencies the community that work with young people. Youth learn about preventing domestic violence, dating violence, healthy relationships and conflict resolution.
  - **Health & Wellness Program** – Survivors of domestic violence experiencing negative physical and mental health issues are linked to several services in the community, and are offered therapy in the form of yoga and exercise. Advocates also visit with healthcare professionals and provide training on how to screen and respond if they have any concerns about a patient they are treating.
  - **Attorney** – 6 full time attorneys who work with survivors around filing for injunction for protection and representing them in court. This is a free service.
  - **Peace Village** – Partnership with Catholic Charities, a 12-unit apartment complex where survivors can stay for up to a year.
  - **Gift of Peace Lunch** - The Spring of Tampa Bay’s fundraiser, Gift of Peace Lunch will be held on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **2018 Tampa-Hillsborough Homeless Point In Time Count – Ashley Wynn (THHI)**
    - The upcoming Homeless Point in Time Count will be held **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
    - There will be some changes with shift times and a large focus on mid-day meal sites and other hotspot locations. Please stay tuned for further updates.
    - Anyone interested in joining the PIT Count Planning Committee, please see Alicia Banks.
    - The PIT Count Planning Committee’s next meeting will be held at **Alpha House** on **October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**.
  - **HMIS/System Performance Update: Length of Stay – Ashley Wynn (THHI)**
    - As a CoC, we can review **System Performance Measures** and **Coordinated Entry** data and use it to address:
    - Where we are, where we want to be, and how we will get there.
    - **Making Homelessness BRIEF:**
    - People who experience homelessness are able to move quickly into a permanent housing situation.



- A local benchmark has not yet been set.
  - Each person accessing **Emergency Shelter** or **Safe Haven** in Hillsborough County spends an average of 69 days in shelter throughout the year\*.
  - When we include days in **Transitional Housing**, the average number of days increases to **94**.
  - **69**: Represents a **3 day decrease** from last year's average of 72 days.
  - **218**: Represents average days in shelter **PLUS** days **Unsheltered** throughout the year.
  - When we include days in **Transitional Housing**, the average number of days increases to **243**. Represents a **25 day increase** from last year's average of 193 days.
  - **133**: Represents the average number of days on the Priority List for persons currently enrolled in Coordinated Entry.
  - **Target/Benchmark = <90 Days**
  - The CoC's By-Name-List review process should help shorten the length of time persons are enrolled in Coordinated Entry.
  - The goal is to **DECREASE** the length of time (LOT) it takes for a person or family to obtain permanent housing.
  - As LOT decreases, we want to see the % of persons exiting to Permanent Housing **INCREASE**.
  - Missing Exit Destination rates from Emergency Shelters have significantly decreased between 2016 and 2018.
  - "Approximate Date Homelessness Started" is used to count unsheltered days homeless.
  - Improving data quality for this element significantly impacts performance
  - The "Approximate Date" should be the date the **current episode** of homelessness started, not the first time the person ever became homeless.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Executive Planning Committee – Antonio Byrd (THHI)**
    - The previous Executive Planning Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Committee Members discussed HUD's new *Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking*.
    - The next Executive Planning Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00AM.**
  - **Consumer Advisory Committee, Susan Raines (The Salvation Army Advisory BOD)**
    - *Not Present.*
  - **Coordinated Entry Committee, Tammi Casagni (Alpha House of Tampa), Chair**
    - Jason Zarolinski has stepped down as Interim Chair for the Coordinated Committee.



- Effective immediately, Tammi Casagni has been elected Chair for the Coordinated Entry Committee.
  - During the previous meeting, the committee has started looking at the family By-Name list.
  - The top 10% who have been on the list the longest and also have the highest score are being identified.
  - During the next committee meeting, every agency who is participating in the committee will be calling a group of people that are on the list in order to check their homeless status as well as their contact information; committee will be reviewing that list in order to see what steps should be taken to start housing these clients.
  - Committee will also be working on creating a Policy and Procedure to transfer clients who are in rapid rehousing into Permanent Supportive Housing.
  - This will be presented to the Executive Planning Committee on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Outreach Committee, Deputy Josh Boyer (Hillsborough County Sherriff's Office)**
    - Deputy Boyer stepping in to speak for Officers Krager and Whitney.
    - Large outreach in September resulted in over 230 homeless people registered.
    - Next big event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December. Details to follow.
    - Traveling event will be **9:00AM, Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, meeting at the **Salvation Army**.
    - Next Outreach Committee meeting will be held at **1800 Orient Road, 9:00AM Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**.
  - **Point In Time Committee – Alicia Banks (Tampa Housing Authority), Chair**
    - *Ms. Banks had no additional comments.*
  - **Rank and Review – Lesa Weikel (THHI)**
    - Rank and Review Committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at EPIC (formerly Francis House).
    - Now that the NOFA and scoring of all renewal projects have been completed, the committee will moving forward on the benchmarks to be set for the different system performance measures, in order to see how project performance impacts system performance.
  - **Service & Delivery – Noel Johnson (Project-Link), Chair**
    - *Not Present.*
  - **Unaccompanied Youth – Chelsea Broy (Camelot Community Care), Chair**
    - During the last meeting, the committee reviewed the by-name list to get some of the youth taken care of.



- Discussed funding in order to possibly do some ad campaigns.
- The Unaccompanied Youth Committee will meet directly after each CoC Meeting, members are invited to attend.
- **UNITY Advisory Committee – April Wales (Catholic Charities), Chair**
  - Unity Advisory Committee last met on September 26<sup>th</sup>, reviewing Section 5 of the Standard Operation Procedures (Client Rights).
  - The committee will be finishing that up at the following meeting on **October 24<sup>th</sup> at Catholic Charities**, as well as reviewing the universal ROI for all agencies.
- **Veterans Leadership – Greg Williams (Society of St. Vincent de Paul), Chair**
  - *Not Present.*
- **Community Announcements:**
  - **Cordel Batchelor (Public Defenders Office):** The Hillsborough County Expungement Clinic was held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 people were able to get their records expunged, out of 1,300 applicants.
  - **Cordel Batchelor (Public Defenders Office):** **SAVE THE DATE: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aaron's House** will be holding an evening centered on how to look after the mentally ill. Representatives from Hillsborough County Sherriff's Office and Tampa Police Department will be speaking, and Aaron's House will be hosting a series of talks centered on this topic.
  - **Harold Jackson (Tampa Family Health Centers):** Tampa Family Health Centers has a Fall Festival Scheduled for 4:00PM-7:00PM, Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at North Nebraska Health Center. Feeding Tampa Bay, USF, Tampa Prep and Hillsborough County Libraries are involved in this event.
  - **Unidentified Speaker:** A Celebration of Life for Mike Gentry will be held 4:00PM, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.**
- **Next CoC Meeting Will Be Held: Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**