



Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care Meeting
ACTS – 4612 N. 56th Street, Tampa, FL 33610
Thursday, February 7, 2019 - 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 December 2018 Minutes
 Approval of January 2019 Minutes

2018 CoC Application Award Notice
 Antoinette Hayes-Triplett, THHI

2019 Universal RFP (Pending HUD’s Final Award Notice)
 Antonio Byrd, THHI

2019 Point-In-Time Count Update
 Ashley Wynn, THHI

CoC Agency Spotlight: Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)
 Jana Balicki, ACTS

CoC Committee Reports:	CoC Committee	Chair	Meeting Information
	Executive Planning	Antonio Byrd, THHI	3 rd Wednesday, 10:00
	Consumer Advisory	Susan Raines, Salvation Army	1 st Thursday, 10:30
	Coordinated Entry	Tammi Casagni, Alpha House of Tampa	3 rd Thurs., 11:00
	Outreach	Krystal Filsinger, Gracepoint	2 nd Monday, 9:00
	Point In Time	Alicia Banks, Tampa Housing Authority	3 rd Tue., June-Dec., 10:00
	Rank and Review	Jana Balicki, ACTS	2 nd Thursday, 2:30
	Service Delivery	Noel Johnson, Project-Link	1 st Tuesday, 10:00
	Unaccompanied Youth	Chelsea Broy, Camelot Community Care	1 st Thursday, 10:30
	UNITY Advisory	April Wales, Catholic Charities	4 th Wed.-Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. – 2:00
	Veterans Leadership	Sara Romeo, Tampa Crossroads	4 th Tuesday, 11:00

Announcements: Community Announcements

Adjournment: Next CoC Meeting:
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Thursday, March 7, 2019 - 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

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Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 9:00 -10:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.**
- **Introductions – Antonio Byrd (THHI)**
- **Approval of November 2018 Minutes:**
 - Minutes were accepted as presented.
- Antonio Byrd (THHI) took a moment to provide thanks to Jana Balicki and the Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS) for their continued partnership and hosting the monthly Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care meetings.
- Mr. Byrd also thanked the CoC Agencies, community partners, volunteers, service providers and the Hillsborough County Sunshine Line for their valued collaboration during the 2018 *Operation: REVEILLE* Veterans Day Event, and for coming together on a Sunday to make the event possible.
- **HMIS/System Performance Update: Homelessness For the First Time – Sergio Santiago (THHI)**
 - The Big Picture: “*Making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.*”
 - One key indicator of an efficient system: When homelessness is anomalous and seldom occurs in a community. The local benchmark for this indicator has not yet been set.
 - **Metric 5 - What Does It Measure?**
 - Number of people entering the homeless system through homeless projects with no prior enrollments within the last 2 years.
 - **Metric 5.2 – The Breakdown:**
 - 4,530 - Persons with entries into an Emergency Shelter, Safety Haven, Transitional Housing, or Permanent Housing.
 - 951 - People with a previous enrollment (NOT NEW).
 - 3,579 – People experiencing homelessness for the first time.
 - **Metric 5.2 – Change Over Time**
 - Number of people who entered ES, SH, TH, PH, with no prior enrollments within two years:
 - **10/2014 – 09/2015: 4,008**
 - **10/2015 – 09/2016: 4,040**
 - **10/2016 – 09/2017: 3,601**
 - **10/2017 – 09/2018: 3,579**
 - What does this mean? The goal is to make homelessness rare, meaning that we want this number to DECREASE.
 - Percent decrease since 2015: 11%



- Limitations:
 - Only looks at project enrollments in 4 projects types.
 - The cut-off period is for only 2 years.
 - Matches other system performance measures.
 - Can narrow our results.

- **AIDS Awareness Month: Homelessness and HIV/AIDS - Stephanie Carr (EPIC)**
 - Ms. Carr conveyed EPIC's attention to HIV and Housing in our community.
 - Under Empath Health, the organization offers case management, psychiatric services and on-site medical care, and have locations in both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.
 - As of 2015, there were 1.1 million people in the United States who identified as HIV positive.
 - In 2017, 38,739 people received an HIV diagnosis in the US.
 - As of 2017, there were 116,944 living with HIV in Florida.
 - In 2017, 4,949 people received a new HIV diagnosis last year in Florida. Minority populations seem to be affected the most.
 - There was also an increase seen in Florida's older population (over 50) who were newly diagnosed.
 - Over the past year, Florida has seen an increase in HIV, as well as other STDs.
 - At least 50% of the individuals who receive a new diagnosis will experience a housing crisis post-diagnosis.
 - The goal of every HIV patient to reach undetectable status. While there is no cure for HIV, medications are available to make HIV undetectable in the body.
 - Stable housing contributes to a person's ability to remain medically compliant and to reach the goal of un-detectability.
 - Having stable housing reduced promotes risky behaviors. Any individual living on the street has an increased risk of contracting HIV.
 - The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, managed by HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, was established to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
 - EPIC maintains the waiting list for the HOPWA program, which is administered through the Tampa Housing Authority. The agency provides supplemental case management to those enrolled in the program.
 - Currently, there are 81 vouchers available, and 433 individuals on the waiting list.
 - In St. Petersburg, there are 35 vouchers available, and 290 on the waiting list.
 - In Hillsborough County, short term rent and/or mortgage and utility assistance is available to assist affected individuals maintain their current housing.
 - Breakfast and Lunch provided daily. Transportation program is available.
 - Hillsborough County has seen an increase in those affected, and these services have proved to be invaluable for affected clients.



- **2019 Point-In-Time Count Update**

- The upcoming Homeless Point in Time Count will be held **Thursday, February 28th, 2019.**
 - Deployment Leads: Deployment leads are being sought, preferably those who have acted as a Deployment Lead in past years. Morning shifts will start at 7:00AM this year, as opposed to 5:00AM in past years.
 - Volunteer Recruitment
 - Volunteer Sign-Up link will be released soon.
- **The PIT Lead Committee Meeting will be held 10:00AM, Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Saunders Library - 1505 N Nebraska Ave, Tampa, FL 33602.**

- **Antonio Byrd (THHI)** - Prior to announcing the CoC Committee Reports, Mr. Byrd announced that starting in 2019, the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) will begin highlighting active member organizations of the Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC in our Agency Partnership Spotlight section. Agencies will get to opportunity to have the floor to speak about their respective organizations and what they are doing in the community.

- **CoC Committee Reports:**

- **Executive Planning Committee – Antonio Byrd (THHI)**
 - The next Executive Planning Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:00AM at ACTS – 4612 N. 56th Street, Tampa, FL 33610**
- **Consumer Advisory Committee, Susan Raines (The Salvation Army Advisory BOD)**
 - *No Update.*
- **Coordinated Entry Committee, Tammi Casagni (Alpha House of Tampa), Chair**
 - *No Update.*
- **Outreach Committee, Randi Whitney (Tampa Police Department)**
 - Officer Whitney introduced Officer Stephanie Haley to the CoC.
 - An outreach event will be held on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018** from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.
 - The next Outreach Committee Meeting and By-Name List Meeting will be held on **Monday, December 10, 2018 at 1800 Orient Road.**



- Officer Whitney also advised that any person who would like to take over as Chair of the Outreach Committee and Executive Board position, please contact her directly via phone or email.
- **Point In Time Committee – Alicia Banks (Tampa Housing Authority), Chair**
 - *No Update.*
- **Rank and Review – Jana Balicki (ACTS)**
 - Ms. Balicki reported that the Rank and Review Committee did not meet last month, and will not meet in December.
 - The committee is scheduled to meet next on **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM at Francis House.**
- **Service & Delivery – Noel Johnson (Project-Link), Chair**
 - Due to the first Tuesday of January being New Year's Day, the next Service Delivery Committee meeting will be rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00AM.**
- **Unaccompanied Youth – Chelsea Broy (Camelot Community Care), Chair**
 - As Ms. Broy was not in attendance, **Regina Watson (Camelot Community Care)** did speak on her behalf.
 - The Unaccompanied Youth Committee is scheduled to meet directly after the CoC Meeting, at 10:45AM. Members are invited to attend.
- **UNITY Advisory Committee – April Wales (Catholic Charities), Chair**
 - Ms. Wales reports that the UNITY Advisory Committee last met at **2:00PM, November 14, 2018 at Catholic Charities.**
 - Unity Advisory Committee continues to work on Section 6 of the Standard Operation Procedures (Client Rights).
 - The committee has completed 3 sections in the month of November: Sections 6, 7 and 8.
 - The Committee will be commencing work on Section 9, Data Collection Process.
 - Approved the Universal ROI, which will be sent to the Executive Planning Committee for approval.
 - The committee is scheduled to meet next at **2:00PM, January 9, 2019 at Catholic Charities.**
- **Veterans Leadership – Sara Romeo (Tampa Crossroads), Chair**
 - *No Update.*
- **Community Announcements:**
 - Members are asked to bring in any old jackets and sweatshirts to the next Outreach Event, 8:00AM, December 11, 2019 as they greatly needed for cold



weather shelters and community outreach.

- **Thad Bereday (Love, Inc.)** – There are two (2) vacancies available at Portico Workforce Housing Solutions Transitional Programs for working homeless men. Flyers were distributed during the meeting. There are two (2) immediate openings below market rents with wraparound case management services.
 - **David Franklin (University Area CDC)** – University Area CDC will be hosting a free VIP event for the local homeless population: *I Believe In Miracles* banquet and concert on **Sunday December 16, 2018**, will offer complimentary meals, haircuts, makeovers, manicures and entertainment for the homeless population. **Please send your clients so that they may be able to benefit from this event.** Please visit www.uacdc.org for more information.
 - **John Paul Comas (Metropolitan Ministries)** –
 - Metropolitan Ministries will hold a Holiday Festival for the homeless on **Saturday, December 15, 2018** with Meals, Celebration, Showers, Haircuts, Movies, Games, Live Entertainment, Gifts & Giveaways. **Amazing Love Ministries, 3304 E. Columbus Drive, Tampa, FL 33605, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
 - Metropolitan Ministries & First Presbyterian Church will host Church Service, Blessing, Meal, Gifts & Giveaways for the homeless on Christmas Day, **Tuesday, December 25, 2018 First Presbyterian Church. 412 E. Zack Street. Tampa, FL 33602, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
 - **Antonio Byrd** – THHI now has an events calendar for the Hillsborough County Continuum of Care. Please email MandarinV@THHI.org to request a posting of any upcoming events to the CoC Events Calendar.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.**
 - **The next Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care meeting will be held:**

Thursday, January 3, 2019

9:00AM – 10:30AM

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Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.**
 - **Introductions** – Antoinette Hayes-Triplett (THHI)
 - **Approval of December minutes:**
 - Presented that the minutes would be approved at the February meeting.
 - **2019 Tampa-Hillsborough Homeless Point In Time Count: Ashley Wynn (THHI):**
 - The upcoming Homeless Point in Time Count will be held **Thursday, February 28th, 2019.**
 - Work Group Chairs have now been assigned.
 - Volunteers are needed for each Work Group:
 - Training for the 2019 PIT Count will begin in Tuesday, February 5th. Over 13 in-person training dates have been scheduled and return volunteers have the option of completing a refresher course online. Agencies/groups may request a training at their location for groups of 10 or more.
 - Deployment Leads: Most of the deployment shifts are covered, but we **need leads in University and Downtown** for the evening shift.
- (Julie Watkinson, Marketing & Outreach Workgroup Chair)**
- Volunteer Recruitment
 - Point-In-Time Count needs about 600 volunteers in order to effectively cover Hillsborough County. Right now, 185 Volunteers have signed up to complete the 2019 PIT Count. That number consists of 109 New Volunteers and 76 are Returning Volunteers.
 - Sign-Up visit <http://thhi.org/volunteer/>.
 - Marketing & Outreach
 - In an effort to help get the word out, the committee is launching a social media campaign and encourage volunteers to sign up now rather than waiting until February. We are asking all registered volunteers to share the Hashtag posted on THHI's Facebook page (#HCPIT2019) and to tag @THHIorg. We still need Volunteers, so please continue to recruit through your colleagues, friends, family, clients, partners, community,



local restaurants, etc. We need the help of the community in order to complete the annual Point-In-Time Count.

- We also have a drawing happening for those that have registered and posted the hashtag on Facebook or twitter, go through training, and post and tag again on the day of the Point-In-Time Count to be eligible for numerous gift cards.

- Julie also presented the #BringABuddy campaign. We had over 300 volunteers last year, if everyone returns and brings a friend, family member, or coworker, we will more than meet our goal of 500 volunteers.

▪ **Incentives & Sponsorships:**

- The incentive/toiletry drive for the 2019 PIT has begun; if you or your organization/group is interested in hosting a toiletry drive; please contact THHI for marketing material.

- February 8th is deadline for the incentive drive.

- **The PIT Lead Committee Meeting will be held 10:00AM, Tuesday, January 15, 2018 at Saunders Library - 1505 N Nebraska Ave, Tampa, FL 33602.**

▪ **HMIS/System Performance Update: Outflow : Ashley Wynn (THHI):**

- Ashley presented on the System Performance Measurement – Outflow which tracks **Successful exits to and retention of permanent housing**.
- This measurement is tied to the **Non-recurring** part of the CoC Strategy.
- The presentation detailed how progress is measured in terms of “Where are we now?”, “Where do we want to be?”, and “How do we get there?”
- Performance data was presented to show where we are with successfully placing individuals/families into permanent housing; the retention of those housed; and the exit destinations based on Coordinated Entry data.

▪ **Committee Reports:**

Since most CoC Committees did not meeting during the month of December, due to the holidays, only the committee updates listed below were presented:

○ **Executive Planning Committee – Antonio Byrd (THHI)**

- The EPC met via conference call on December 19, 2018.
- The committee discussed the **need for additional At-Large Committee Members**, currently not represented on the EPC or THHI Board of Directors. Members are asked to submit any nominations for individuals that would be of benefit to the Executive Planning Committee and the Continuum of Care, from a decision-making and policy and procedure review. Nominations should be submitted directly to Antonio Byrd via email at: ByrdA@THHI.org.



- The EPC committee **approved the updated ROI (Release of Information)** document was submitted in November that allows for CoC Member Agencies to update information in UNITY without signing a new ROI specific to the agency. Ex: Once a client is entered into HMIS and an ROI is signed with another partner agency, that ROI becomes universal to other partner agencies. This cuts back on the number of ROIs that the client has to physically sign, as well as eliminates the need for each UNITY partner agency to collect a new ROI and update that client's information in the UNITY system. This allows for facilitation of By-Name List process as well as updates to client's UNITY record. Clients are able to revoke agency access or place any restrictions set at any time.
- **Outreach Committee, Randi Whitney (Tampa Police Department)**
 - The next traveling outreach will take place on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**.
 - Information is posted on Base Camp. Please bring snacks and water.
 - The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 14, 2019**.
- **Point In Time Committee – Alicia Banks (Peace Outreach Center), Chair**
 - *Ms. Banks was in attendance, but had no additional comments.*
- **UNITY Advisory Committee – April Wales (Catholic Charities), Chair**
 - Sara Hall gave the committee update.
 - The committee finished reviewing sections 7 and 8 at the November meeting.
 - Committee did not meet in December.
 - Will be reviewing section 9 of the UNITY SOP at the **January 9th** meeting.
- **Community Announcements:**
 - **Glen Brown (Children's Board):** The Children's Board of Hillsborough County has released its FY 2019 Funding Opportunities for Pro 2019-06 Summer Services; Technical Assistance Cycle 2; and Pro 2019-02 ASO Flexible Funding. Qualifying agencies must serve young children and be a legally operating not-for-profit corporation in the State of Florida. To apply visit childrensboard.org and under Budgeting, click Funding Opportunities.
 - **Antoinette Hayes-Triplett (THHI):** The government shutdown is starting to have a small impact on the HUD CoC Program projects that have ended and are in their 90 close out period. As part of the close out process, the grants have to be reviewed and approved by HUD personnel and since the government is shutdown, we are having some delay in getting those close outs completed.



- The shutdown may also be having an impact on HUD releasing the results of the FY 2018 CoC Program competition, and therefore is causing some delay in THHI being able to release its 2019 Universal Request for Proposal (RFP). Hopefully we will release the RFP late January/early February if the government opens.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.**
- **The next Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care meeting will be held:**

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Last Name	First Name	Agency
Anderson	Jennifer	Frontline - New Hope Cornerstone
Banks	Alicia	Tampa Housing Authority
Blackmon	Sharon	Frontline - New Hope Cornerstone
Blake	Vernyce	Community Family Reunion (CFR)
Bowden	Frederick	Positive Spin
Boyer	Josh	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Brown	Glen	Children's Board of Hillsborough County
Brown	Thomas	Tampa Crossroads
Broy	Chelsea	Camelot Community Care
Burnett	Chanetta	Alpha House of Tampa
Byrd	Antonio	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative
Canizares	Janirys	Metropolitan Ministries
Cineas	Nicole	U.S. Veterans Affairs - HCHV - Outreach
Croze	Jessica	Gracepoint
Cupoli	Roseanne	The Spring of Tampa Bay
Dixon	Vincia	
Donovan	Erin	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative
Encarnacion	Jossie	The Spring of Tampa Bay
Everett	Sheila	Hillsborough County Homeless Services
Filsinger	Krystal	Gracepoint
Fortugno-Oliver	Vicky	EPIC
Gilbert	Pathenia	Alpha House of Tampa
Gray	Tiffanie	Metro Wellness and Community Center
Griggs	Amelia	Abe Brown Ministries
Hall	Sarah	Catholic Charities
Harper	Jacquelyn	Bread of Life, Inc.
Harris	Danielle	Northside Behavioral Health
Hobbs	Candace	Hillsborough County Homeless Services
Jackson	Harold	Tampa Family Health Centers
Jimenez	Caridad	Gracepoint
Joseph	Wilkerson	We Are All We Need, Inc.
Kendrick	Rena	<i>Individual</i>
Kendrick	Toni	Peace Outreach Resource Center
Krager	Stephanie	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Lacey	Michelle	Veteran Village

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Last Name	First Name	Agency
Lopez-Walker	Joanna	Tampa Housing Authority
McDonald	Daniel	Tampa Police Department
McMillon	Jada	Positive Spin
Pant	Anjali	FL Department. of Children & Families
Parkinson	Katie	Senior Connection Center
Pearson	Lynell	Endeavors
Pondolfino	Joe	Gracepoint Wellness
Rollealesnik	Paulette	University Area Community Development
Santiago	Adlin	Florida Department of Health
Santiago	Sergio	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI)
Soto	Marisol	Guided Path Foundation
Thomas	Peter	Catholic Charities
Thomas	Elaine	Metropolitan Ministries
Trujillo	Yesenia	Project Return
Tucker	Laura	Hillsborough County Public Schools - HELP
Vargas	Randy	Hillsborough County Health Care Services
von Aulock	Sabine	Hillsborough County Affordable Housing
Walker	Minta	Central Florida Behavioral Hospital
Walker	Michelle	Miracles Outreach
Watkinson	Julie	Hillsborough County Homeless Services
Watson	Rashanda	Metropolitan Ministries
Weikel	Lesia	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative
Whitney	Randi	Tampa Police Department
Wilds	Jemelle	Career Source Tampa Bay - Career Prep
Williams	Greg	Society of St. Vincent de Paul, South
Wingo	Patricia	Tampa Housing Authority
Woodside	Derek	Non-Custodial Parent Employment
Wynn	Ashley	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative
Young	Cornell	Tampa Bay Academy of Hope

Total Attendees: 64