Networking
Please join us at 8:30 a.m. for networking

Welcome and Introductions:
Antoinette Triplett, Chief Executive Officer (THHI)

Minutes:
Approval of March 2019 Minutes

2019 Point-in-Time Count Recap
THHI Staff

Hillsborough County Healthcare Three-Strikes Barrier Eligibility Criteria
Gene Earley, Director (Hillsborough County Healthcare Services)

Available Mainstream, VASH and FUP Vouchers
Margaret Jones, Director of Assisted Housing (Tampa Housing Authority)
Brian Ronayne, Senior Director of Growth and Transformation (Eckerd Connects)
Harry McCurdy, Section Chief, Homeless Veterans Program (US Department of Veterans Affairs)

Hepatitis A Response in Hillsborough County
Jylmarie Lewis, Division of Disease Control (Florida Department of Health-Hillsborough)

CoC Committee Reports:

- **Executive Planning**
  - Chair: Antonio Byrd (THHI)
  - Meeting Information: 3rd Wednesday, 10:00AM

- **Consumer Advisory**
  - Chair: Susan Raines (Community Advocate)
  - Meeting Information: 1st Thursday, 10:30AM

- **Coordinated Entry**
  - Chair: Tammi Casagni (Alpha House of Tampa)
  - Meeting Information: 3rd Thurs., 11:00AM

- **Outreach**
  - Chair: Krystal Filsinger (Gracepoint)
  - Meeting Information: 2nd Monday, 9:00AM

- **Point-In-Time**
  - Chair: Alicia Banks (Metropolitan Ministries)
  - Meeting Information: 3rd Tue., June-Dec., 10:00

- **Rank and Review**
  - Chair: Jana Balicki (ACTS)
  - Meeting Information: 2nd Thursday, 2:30PM

- **Service Delivery**
  - Chair: Noel Johnson (Project-Link)
  - Meeting Information: 1st Tuesday, 10:00AM

- **Unaccompanied Youth**
  - Chair: Chelsea Broy (Camelot Community Care)
  - Meeting Information: 1st Thursday, 10:30AM

- **UNITY Advisory**
  - Chair: April Wales (Catholic Charities)
  - Meeting Information: 4th Wed.-Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. – 2:00PM

- **Veterans Leadership**
  - Chair: Sara Romeo (Tampa Crossroads)
  - Meeting Information: 4th Tuesday, 11:00AM

Announcements:
Community Announcements
Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

**Introductions** – Antonio S. Byrd (Chief Operating Officer, THHI)

**Approval of February 2019 Meeting Minutes:**
- Minutes were accepted as presented by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care.

**2019 Hillsborough County Homeless Point-In-Time Count (Follow-Up):**
- Ashley Wynn (HMIS Manager, THHI) –
  - Ms. Wynn advised that THHI was currently in the process of tallying the numbers and data from the 2019 PIT Count, and will have a more detailed and thorough recap of the volunteer data during the next CoC meeting.
  - She went on to announce that the CoC saw the most number of volunteers to ever register/sign up for the PIT Count, with the CoC successfully meeting its goal of getting 500 volunteers registered for the 2019 Tampa/Hillsborough County Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count.
  - Ms. Wynn stated that overall, the Point-In-Time Count went extremely smoothly this year, with tweaks and improvements upon PIT Counts from past years.
  - A feedback survey will be going out to volunteers sometime in the following week to gain feedback on any concerns or suggestions for improvement.
  - Ms. Wynn stated: “volunteers are what make the Count possible, so we want to make sure you all had a good experience during the Point-In-Time Count.”
  - Ms. Wynn went on to state that she was thrilled to announce that the new Electronic PIT Count Survey Web App that was launched during the 2019 PIT Count proved to work extremely smoothly.
  - She stated “The app will be fully rolled out for volunteers to use for next year’s PIT Count instead of just being an option.”
  - She noted that volunteers will still be able to use the paper surveys if preferred, however all volunteers will be trained to use the Electronic PIT Count Survey Web App during the 2020 Homeless PIT Count.
  - Ms. Wynn went on to provide thanks to the supportive service providers who completed PIT surveys on their campuses during the PIT Count:
    - Grace Point Coffee Shop
    - Metropolitan Ministries
    - EPIC
    - ECHO
    - Positive Spin
A huge thanks was given to these agencies for helping to ensure that nobody was missed during the PIT Count.

Ms. Wynn also provided thanks to all of the shelter providers who completed shelter data during the Shelter Point-in-Time Count.

Ms. Wynn advised that shelter providers should be on the lookout for an email from Sergio Santiago (THHI) with further details. She stated that the sooner we can get the shelter data in, the sooner we can analyze the numbers and make the data available to everyone.

Ms. Wynn went on to introduce Andrea Ramirez (THHI) to provide an update regarding volunteers for the 2019 PIT Count.

**Andrea Ramirez (Senior Housing Access Manager, THHI)** –

Ms. Ramirez advised that Ms. Wynn was correct in her announcement, as the PIT Count did initially receive five hundred and twenty-five (525) volunteers who had registered for the event.

Ms. Ramirez went on to announce that there were a total of four hundred and sixty-two (462) volunteers who were confirmed for their respective volunteer shifts the week leading up to the PIT Count.

Ms. Ramirez advised that however, the day before the event, many cancellations were received, and the number of volunteers dropped to three hundred and seventy-eight (378).

On the day of the PIT Count, there were three hundred and fifty-one (351) Street Counters who had successfully showed up for their assigned volunteer shifts, as well as thirteen (13) Data Entry volunteers.

Ms. Ramirez pointed out that if volunteers did not successfully provide their contact information including their email address, there is no way to contact the volunteer with their confirmation email, therefore, it is very important to walk volunteers through the registration process.

Ms. Ramirez advised that volunteer exit surveys would be going out early next week to gain feedback from PIT Count Volunteers.

THHI hopes to receive feedback from first-time volunteers to give their feedback in order to continue improving operations for coming years.

Ms. Ramirez went on to introduce Taryn Mahabir-Best (THHI) to provide an update regarding PIT Count Trainings.

**Taryn Mahabir-Best (Housing Access Manager, THHI)** -

Ms. Mahabir-Best advised that THHI initiated PIT Count trainings on January 7th with refresher trainings for past volunteers, held through open learning.

She announced that THHI oversaw one-hundred (100) volunteers trained through open learning, and two-hundred and forty-eight (248) individuals trained through in-person trainings.

Ms. Mahabir-Best stated that there were a total of twenty-four (24) total training sessions conducted, as well as eight (8) Train The Trainer training sessions.

Ms. Mahabir-Best provided thanks to the following parties for conducting training sessions for the 2019 PIT Count:
• Jennifer Anderson (Frontline Community Services),
• Sharon Blackmon (Frontline Community Services),
• Terrence Cottman (Harram Temple No. 23),
• Sergio Santiago (THHI),
• THHI’s Staff
• and April Wales (Catholic Charities)

 o Antonio Byrd (Chief Operating Officer, THHI) -
  ▪ Mr. Byrd gave a brief overview regarding the Deployment Sites for the 2019 PIT Count, providing thanks to Officer Daniel McDonald (Tampa Police Department) and Julie Watkinson (Hillsborough County Homeless Services) for securing locations for the PIT Count deployment sites.
  ▪ Mr. Byrd stated: “It’s not an easy task to ask an organization to occupy their space for an entire day,” and thanked Hillsborough County for opening their community resource centers to be used as Deployment Sites for the PIT Count.
  ▪ He advised that there were 10 deployment sites during the 2019 PIT Count, mentioning Brandon, Downtown Tampa (Hyde Park United Methodist Church), Plant City (Frontline Community Services), Ruskin (St. Ann’s Church), Town ’N Country, University Area, Westshore, and West Tampa.
  ▪ Mr. Byrd went on to advise that Cam elot Community Care hosted the Youth PIT Count by hosting a cookout event, as well as deploying volunteers to go out and count any unsheltered homeless youth.
  ▪ Mr. Byrd went on to introduce Valentina Mandarin (THHI) to provide an update regarding the PIT Count Command Center.

 o Valentina Mandarin (Executive Assistant to CEO, THHI) –
  ▪ Ms. Mandarin announced that the 2019 PIT Count Command Center was located at Sparkman Wharf, formerly known as Channelside Bay Plaza.
  ▪ She mentioned that in past years, the PIT Count Command Center has typically been located at the Hillsborough County Center building, however, this year, the goal was to garner community support and engagement.
  ▪ Sparkman Wharf served as a more visible and central location where community members could have the opportunity to stop by and learn more about the PIT Count and the work being done by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care.
  ▪ Ms. Mandarin provided thanks to THHI’s Board Secretary, Mr. Jim Shimberg, Strategic Property Partners, LLC as well as Sparkman Wharf’s Marketing and Events Manger, Darrah Winkler (Franklin Street) for their partnership in allowing the 2019 PIT Count Command Center to be held at the venue.
  ▪ Ms. Mandarin went on to relay that Sparkman Wharf permitted THHI to display the PIT Count Web App dashboard on the venue’s jumbo-tron, so that community members and dignitaries were able to see the PIT Count data being received in real-time on the big screen.
  ▪ Ms. Mandarin went on to communicate that this year, THHI initiated a Social Media Campaign and partnership with Corners Pizza at Sparkman Wharf, where the first 100 volunteers who visited the PIT Count Command Center
and tagged Sparkman Wharf, Corners Pizza, THHI and checked in to the 2019 PIT Count would receive a free personal-pan pizza as a thank you for volunteering.

- Ms. Mandarin provided a thank you to Olga Mendoza (Hillsborough County Homeless Services) and Laura Rice (Hillsborough County Homeless Services) for all of their help and hard work in manning the Command Center on the day of the PIT Count, as well as to the City of Tampa and volunteers who assisted with the Toiletry Bagging on the week of the PIT Count.

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):**
  - Kelly Engel (Human Services Supervisor, Hillsborough County Social Services) –
    - Ms. Engel advised that Hillsborough County Social services has plenty of LIHEAP money to spend, and would like to connect with agencies who may have clients that may be in need of those funds.
    - Ms. Engel advised that Hillsborough County Social Services’ policy changed in October 2018, and the department is now only serving the most vulnerable populations, meaning that the household maintains a member that is 60-years or older, children in the home, or anybody on Social Security, SSDI, SSD, or pending.
    - Ms. Engel explained that any SSI documents must be recent, meaning from the past 6 months.
    - Ms. Engel advised that the call center is taking calls for all six (6) neighborhood service centers.
    - Ms. Engel explained the following qualifying criteria:
      - The client’s income must be less than $1,500 dollars (single person), $2,000 (two household members), $2,600 (three household members).
      - Must have a Tampa Electric obligation/TECO bill.
      - Must live in Hillsborough County.
      - Must have an ID less than a year expired
      - and a Social Security Card
    - To inquire, clients may contact any neighborhood service center.
    - Ms. Engel provided the following contact numbers:
      - Plant City service center 813-757-3871 – clients may press 2 to be directed to any other service center.
      - Lee Davis Service Center: 813-272-5220
      - Flyers with additional information were provided during the CoC Meeting.

- **CoC Agency Spotlight: Metropolitan Ministries:**
  - James Dunbar (Director of Outreach and Prevention Services, Metropolitan Ministries) –
    - Mr. Dunbar provided thanks to THHI for giving Metropolitan Ministries the opportunity to present the new and exciting things and programs in the organization’s pipeline.
    - Mr. Dunbar reviewed Metropolitan Ministries’ Mission Statement: *Care for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in our community through*
services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill self-sufficiency as an expression of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.”

- Mr. Dunbar advised that each of Metropolitan Ministries’ meetings begin with reciting MetMin’s mission statement, and every one of MetMin’s programs must fall into one of the three categories mentioned in that mission statement:
  - alleviate suffering,
  - promote dignity,
  - or instill self-sufficiency.

- Mr. Dunbar stated that Metropolitan Ministries is highly dedicated to partnering with everyone in the Continuum of Care (CoC), and are proud to seat individuals from the organization on six (6) of the eight (8) committees that operate within the CoC.

- The focus during the CoC meeting would be on Community-Based Programming.

- Mr. Dunbar stated that for nearly 50 years, MetMin has worked on developing intensive, on site programs for transitional and emergency education.

- The goal now is to maintain the work that MetMin has been doing, and to take the lessons learned, ideas and inspiration and bring it out further into the community.

- Metropolitan Ministries’ existing outreach facility located at 2301 N. Tampa Street, has always been open to the community.

- In the past, MetMin’s service center has been open to anybody in need, from homeless to seeking prevention, to just needing food or resources.

- However, as studies have been conducted to see where the needs are growing in Hillsborough County, services have been split into two different areas.

- The physical building itself now acts as MetMin’s Family support center.

- The family support center assists families that are stably housed and at risk of homelessness, and has now implemented a mobile outreach to take on the unhoused population in Category 1 or Category 4 of homelessness.

- Mr. Dunbar announced that MetMin’s outreach facility is now converting from being an open outreach center for anybody in need, to specifically targeting family, seniors, and at-risk adults.

- This is being accomplished through a partnership with the Children’s Board, following the national Family Support Center model, and the prevention side through a partnership with THHI.

  - The Family Support Center focuses on:
    - Families Seeking Prevention;
    - Families in Need of Diversion;
    - Families and Seniors in an at-risk category;
    - Homeless and stably-housed and at-risk families, seniors, children and teens;
    - That are seeking to become more self-sufficient through classes and programs.
Current Family Support Services offered:
- Food, clothing, hygiene/baby items
- Florida State Benefits
- SOAR
  - Focusing on educations, trainings, classes, and program-based self-sufficiency advancement.
- Legal aid
- Ongoing Prevention Diversion services
- Children’s Programming

MetMin is still maintaining prevention and diversion services through their partnership with THHI –
- Coordinated Entry Assessments
- Financial Assistance
  - Rent
  - Electric
  - Water
  - Gas
- Family Reunification Programs
  - Pre-Screenings for families with minor children seeking to get into transitional or emergency shelters.

John Paul Comas (Mobile Outreach Team, Metropolitan Ministries) -
- Mr. Comas advised that the Mobile Outreach team works with homeless clients in Category 1 to Category 4 of homelessness
  - Literary on street or homeless encampments
  - Or fleeing Domestic Violence
- Mobile Services offered throughout the County of Hillsborough:
  - Entry into UNITY,
  - Coordinated Entry (VISPDAT’s) assessments,
  - Assist clients to apply for Florida State Benefits, including Hillsborough County Healthcare,
  - Applying for Disability Benefits,
  - Identification Services.
  - Assist clients get into shelters,
- The goal is to give people the resources to help them have an easier time while they are going through homelessness and get back on their feet.
- Mr. Comas provided some data of the clients served so far in 2019:
- January 2019:
  - 177 clients seen
  - 294 services rendered
- February 2019:
  - 265 clients seen
  - 454 services rendered
MetMin’s Outreach Mobile Employment Services are offered at Bell Shoal’s Baptist Church Mon-Thurs 9am – 2pm
- Resume Assistance
- Mock Interviews
- Applying for Florida State Benefits
- Identification Assistance

Mr. Comas went on to introduce Karrie Roller (Metropolitan Ministries) to present about the First Hug Program.

- Karrie Roller (Senior Director of Case Management, Metropolitan Ministries)
  - Ms. Roller spoke regarding Metropolitan Ministries’ First Hug Program, a child-centered program aimed at ensuring that children are ready to learn and succeed, providing wraparound preventative services to alleviate family stress.
  - Ms. Roller explained that the program is a home visitation case management program specially designed for families struggling with homelessness with children birth through middle school.
  - Through home visitation and personalized case management, First Hug assures children are ready for school and provides parents with tools to advocate for their child and connect to school and safety resources.
  - **Child-focused school success:**
    - First Hug provides:
      - Developmental screenings to assess children’s readiness to learn (ages 0 to 5)
      - Referrals and connections to community resources to assure children are ready for school
      - Reduce barriers to school attendance and success for children ages 5 – middle school
      - Help parents build positive relationships with their child’s school to increase the child’s opportunity for success
  - **Family stabilization and strengthening**
    - Case Managers work with families struggling with homelessness to:
      - Assess the unique needs of each family and work together to develop a client-driven self-sufficiency plan
      - Reduce family stress and the impact of trauma
      - Meet weekly to assist families as they work towards stabilization
      - Provide resources and tools to support healthy family relationships and safe living environments
      - Provide employment, adult education, connection to job placement services
      - Identify safe housing options

- Chely Figueroa (Catering Coordinator, Metropolitan Ministries) -
  - Ms. Figueroa spoke about Metropolitan Ministries’ Culinary Arts Program
  - This is a FREE program offered to clients emerging from homelessness.
Metropolitan Ministries program is a 16-week program offered on Metropolitan Ministries’ campus.

The culinary arts students move quickly through the 16-week course from basic skills to advanced techniques that are the basis for creating any style of cuisine.

This allows time for 150 hours of culinary classes, 20 hours for a Food Handling Certification course, 100 hours of high volume production experience, 100 hours of cafeteria experience, 100 hours of restaurant experience, and 40 hours for a Life and Employment Skills course. Training in restaurant, institutional, and cafeteria cooking will prepare students for diverse job opportunities.

To date, the program has seen over 200 graduates,

An 85% Graduation Rate,

And 88 are employed within 30 days of graduating.

Students receive real-life, fast-paced training. Upon completion, students receive a food handler certification and real life skills & experience as a food preparer with the goal of making students self-sufficient.

Christine Long (Chief Programs Officer, Metropolitan Ministries)

Ms. Long spoke about Metropolitan Ministries’ upcoming Affordable Housing project, Sabal Place which will be located in the Mango/Seffner area, on the corner of Broadway & Williams Rd.

The project will be composed of 112 units of affordable housing primarily focusing on households emerging from homelessness.

Ground breaking is set to take place in the fall of 2019.

The project should be complete by Summer of 2020.

Ms. Long advised that rent structures should be as follows:

- 1 & 2 bedroom affordable housing units.
- 1 bedroom rents will be $399/month.
- 2 bedroom rents will $469/month.
- 3 bedroom rents will be $527/month.

Committee Reports:

Executive Planning Committee – Antonio Byrd (THHI)

- The Executive Planning Committee last met on February 20, 2019.
- The committee discussed the results of the 2018 CoC application Award Notice.
- The committee also Discussed Veteran Rapid Resolution.
- Mr. Byrd explained that the VA is incorporating prevention with a focus on prevention and diversion.
Since the Coordinated Entry list is getting long, and not enough beds available, the community should also look into tapping into additional resources outside of the system.

The Executive Planning Committee will next meet on:
- **Wednesday, March 20, 2018**
  - 10:00AM – 11:30AM
  - ACTS – 4612 N 56th Street, Tampa, FL 33610

- **Consumer Advisory Committee, Susan Raines (Community Advocate), Chair**
  - Ms. Raines advised that she has been meeting with several organizations to get them involved.
  - Ms. Raines announced that she had recently met with:
    - Salvation Army,
    - Feeding Tampa Bay, and
    - Gracepoint Coffee Shop.
  - Ms. Raines is also looking to reach out and meet with:
    - Tampa Crossroads,
    - ACTS,
    - Gracepoint,
    - Catholic Charities,
    - Camelot Community Care,
    - Tampa Family Health,
    - And Hillsborough County Social Services.
  - Ms. Raines advised that Chamberlain High just opened their learning lounge for athletes who have the potential to apply for scholarships but may not have the grades.

- **Coordinated Entry Committee, Tammi Casagni (Alpha House), Chair**
  - Last meeting worked on a survey to get feedback on the Coordinated Entry process to gain feedback in order to implement this as part of the committee’s policies and procedures.

- **Outreach Committee, Krystal E. Filsinger (Gracepoint)**
  - Ms. Filsinger advised that the committee met in February.
  - The committee is preparing for the following week’s Outreach Event on March 12th.
  - The committee will be meeting the following week on Monday, March 11th.
  - Vendors are instructed to arrive at 8:00AM.

- **Point-In-Time (PIT) Lead Committee, Alicia Banks (Metropolitan Ministries), Chair**
  - Ms. Banks was absent and unable to give a committee update.
- **Rank and Review Committee – Stephanie Carr (EPIC), Vice Chair**
  - The Committee met last month to update the committee on the HUD Awards
  - The Committee also discussed the upcoming RFP, and reviewed the scoring tool to see if adjustments were needed.
  - The Rank and Review Committee will next meet on:
    - **Tuesday, March 14, 2019**
      - 2:30PM - 4:00PM
      - EPIC - 4703 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33603

- **Service Delivery Committee – Noel Johnson (Project-Link), Chair**
  - The committee met and continues to work on the CoC application.
  - The Service Delivery Committee will next meet on:
    - **Tuesday, April 02, 2019**
      - 10:00AM - 12:00PM
      - Project Link – 1315 W Spruce St, Tampa, FL 33607 (Room 101)

- **Unaccompanied Youth Committee – Chelsea Broy (Camelot Community Care), Chair**
  - Parties interested in joining the Unaccompanied Youth Committee are invited to meet directly after CoC meeting.
  - **The Unaccompanied Youth Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10:30AM, immediately following the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care Meeting.**
    - 10:30AM – 12:30PM
    - ACTS – 4612 N 56th Street, Tampa, FL 33610

- **UNITY Advisory Committee – April Wales (Catholic Charities), Chair**
  - The UNITY Advisory Committee last met on **Wednesday, February 13, 2019.**
  - The committee continues to work on Standard Operating procedures, Universal ROI and Background Checks
  - The committee will be working on Section 9 (Data Collection) and will be moving forward with Section 9.6 (Case Management).
  - The UNITY Advisory Committee will next meet on:
    - **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**
      - 2:00PM - 3:30PM
      - Catholic Charities - 2021 E. Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612
Veterans Leadership – Sara Romeo (Tampa Crossroads), Chair
  ▪ No update

Community Announcements:

Jennifer Anderson (Frontline Community Services) -
  ▪ Community Action Board in Hillsborough County is giving away 46 college scholarships.
  ▪ Applicants must have at least a 2.5 grade average and be a Hillsborough County Resident
  ▪ Interested parties should email Ms. Anderson directly at: frontlinejenn@gmail.com

Valentina Mandarin (Executive Assistant to CEO, THHI) -
  ▪ The winner of the PIT Count Social Media Contest will be announced on Friday, March 8 on THHI’s facebook page: www.facebook.com/THHI.org.

Darcy Klepner -
  ▪ Tampa Family Hiring

Jennifer Anderson (Frontline Community Services) -
  ▪ Discovery Quest – 120 Vendors
  ▪ Interested parties should email Ms. Anderson directly at: frontlinejenn@gmail.com

Antoinette Triplett (CEO, THHI) –
  ▪ HUD's 2018 CoC Application award notice was received Wednesday, February 6, 2019.
  ▪ The Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care was granted $6,347,400 via the 2018 CoC Application Award competition. This is a slight increase from the 2017 award amount.
  ▪ Three (3) new projects were funded for the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care as a result of the 2018 CoC Application Award competition:
    ▪ Bonus Project: Youth Extension Grant - Catholic Charities Hillsborough Pathways for Youth Rapid Rehousing Project. ($240,351 for youth rapid re-housing)
    ▪ Bonus Project: Alpha House Rapid Rehousing Project. ($342,046 for families rapid re-housing)
    ▪ CoC Planning Grant ($210,604 for staffing and CoC planning).
  ▪ On September 28, 2018, The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative partnered with the Office Of The State Attorney 13th Judicial Circuit Of
Florida, The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women, The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, HCC Ybor City Campus, Tampa Police Department’s Forensics Team, the Hillsborough County Bar Association, and community volunteers to facilitate the first-ever Hillsborough County Expungement Clinic for Hillsborough County.

- The cost of one (1) record expungement or sealing often exceeds $2,500 in application and legal fees for the average Hillsborough County resident.
- The Clinic was held at no cost to participants due to the pro-bono services provided by The State Attorney’s Office and our partners, and from funding secured by THHI and the COSW, resulting in $357,000 in citizen savings.
- The expungement clinic allowed eligible Hillsborough County residents to have one criminal record sealed or expunged for an arrest or charge that did not result in a criminal conviction.
  - 1,800 Applications were reviewed.
  - 282 Applicants were approved.
  - 143 Applicants were processed.
  - 98 Women were processed.
  - 45 Men were processed.
- As a community, we facilitated an opportunity that allowed Hillsborough County residents to place past mistakes behind them and pursue better housing, education and career opportunities for themselves and their families, and avoid the possibility of facing homelessness.

- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners recently announced $5.1 million has been set aside for the development of additional affordable housing in Hillsborough County.
- A public meeting was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 to gather ideas, feedback, and requests from Hillsborough County residents relating to the needs of the community to help widen the routes and increase the supply of affordable housing in our community.
- Hillsborough County’s Director of Affordable Housing (Cheryl Howell) presented the information to the BOCC (based on the recommendation by a majority of forum participants) that 15% (~$768,000) of these funds be set aside from those emerging from homelessness.

- On January 9, 2019, the Hillsborough County’s Director of Healthcare (Gene Earley) submitted a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to eliminate the "3 Strikes Policy" for felons’ eligibility to participate in the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan. This change will have a significant impact on those that are experiencing homelessness.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

The next Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care meeting will be held:

Thursday, April 4, 2019
9:00AM – 10:30AM
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