

Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes September 22, 2008 (8:30 a.m.) Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center, Orlando, FL

Members Present:

Chairman Gary Earl; Executive Director Raymond Larsen; Larry Olness; Donna Wyche; Karen Broussard; Cathy Brown-Butler; Kristi Gray; Angela Sterling; Carol Wick and Wilbert Danner

Members Absent: Lt. Deanne Adams; Pastor Paul Hoyer

Meeting Facilitator: Fran Korosek- Northhighland

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Gary Earl welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

II. Approval Minutes of Meetings (August 4th and 25th)

Minutes of meetings August 4th and 25th were approved.

III. Chairman Gary Earl's presentation on Workforce Central Florida Development System

Chairman Earl presented and provided background information about Workforce Central Florida Development System, which encompasses a universal stream of services, including skill training; preparation of resumes and others. Services are available to the population regardless of what sub-population they come from. However, due to economic challenges, centers at Pine Hills and Silver Star have been closed, and a center in Seminole County is about to close. Available Workforce Central Florida centers are: East Colonial, Kissimmee and a miniaturized service center in Leesburg.

For an electronic version of Chairman Earl's PowerPoint® presentation, please contact meeting note taker Jazmin Santiago at jazminstgo@hfuw.org or by calling (407) 429-2176.

IV. Discussion

Larsen raised question as to what Workforce is doing for the jail population. Earl reported that because of funding limitations, mini One Stop centers will not be generated, but will make sure that Correction Dept. understands how to put the "soon to exit" prisoners in touch with the system before and immediately after they exit to get on Workforce's website to see what is available.

Wilbert Danner commented that Orange County jail is working on giving opportunities for job placements to released inmates and that the county is planning on recruiting released inmates to work on Orlando's Blueprint program; a program developed to ensure the Community Venue projects (renovation of the Citrus Bowl, the Events Center and the Dr. P. Phillip's Performing Arts Center). Danner also mentioned that Corrections Dept. has partnered with Goodwill Industries to assist inmates in obtaining jobs.

Earl informed of the existence of a faith-based operation in town that does an annual major job fair serving 3-5 thousand individuals a year.

V. Identify Workgroup members

Larsen moved the agenda to the next topic- **Identifying workgroup members**, but first highlighted the Committee's goals as follows:

- Establish 1-stop centers(s)
- Prevent homelessness for those currently in housing
 - create indicators of homelessness
 - pilot with 211
 - document outcomes
- Create system for data collection
 - convene 4 data bases/jurisdictions
 - link current data bases
 - "core" data base
- Prevent homelessness of discharge persons from jails and their families
- Advocacy/Education

The following workgroups were established to work on accomplishing the goals of the Prevention Committee. Larsen encouraged members to be on a workgroup and asked to also seek participation of members of other committees, as well as from anyone outside of the committees. In the meantime, Larsen will serve as chairman of all workgroups until anyone solicits the same.

Workgroups were asked to establish their own meeting format (ex: conference call)

Early Intervention – tasked to develop a "screening" to identify individuals/families for early intervention in danger of homelessness. Pilot with 211.

Members:

Mike Frumkin, UCF
Karen Broussard, Jewish Family Services
Kristi Gray, DCF
Cathy Brown-Butler, Bank of America

Data Link – tasked to identify way to share data to allow tracking of individuals/families that become homeless.

Members:

Larry Olness, Heart of Florida United Way/ 211- offered to chair
Vicki Kilroy, Osceola County
Lisa Early, City of Orlando
Gretchen Kerr, Northland Church
Pete Clarke, Orange County Health and Family Serv.
Joel Remigio, Homeless Services Network
Seminole County will identify who to be part of

Jail/Discharge – tasked to prevent homelessness of inmates released from jail and their families.

Members:

Lee Isbell, Orange County Corrections Dept.

Wilbert Danner, Orange County Corrections Dept.

Lt. Deanne Adams, Orange County Corrections Dept.

Advocacy/Education- tasked to identify things the Committee is trying to do and make recommendations to the greater Commission, as well as to try to do some education on policies, regulations, etc., that are impacting our goals.

Members:

Gary Earl or Larry Strickler, Workforce Central Florida

Angela Sterling, Osceola County Human Resources

VI. Others business:

Larsen informed that he will attend a pilot group meeting with faith based leaders to discuss prevention issues on Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

VII. Next meeting schedule

Regular meeting schedule was established as follows for the remaining of 2008:

Oct. 20th

Nov, 17th

Dec. 15th

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Chairman Gary Earl thanked all for their participation.