

Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2008 (8:30 a.m.)  
Heart of Florida United Way  
Dr. Nelson Ying Center, Orlando, FL

Members Present: Chairman Steve Kodsi, Executive Director Raymond Larsen; Robert Ansley; Mitchell Glasser; Paul P. Partyka; Andy Rosario and Brent Trotter

Members Absent: Carmen Dominguez, Michael Wenger, Gene Daniels and Cara Eule

Meeting Facilitator: Gary Langford, North Highland Consultant Group

Note taker: Jazmin Santiago, Heart of Florida United Way

**I. Welcome**

Chairman Steve Kodsi welcomed all in attendance and officially called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting July 22, 2008**

Minutes of meeting 7/22/08 - approved.

**III. CFCH Committees-update**

The following Committee updates were provided by Larsen:

Prevention Committee:

- Committee has encountered lack of data. Some agencies are sharing HMIS database. HSN is trying to get most of the agencies to participate in HMIS. Committee is trying to put together an HMIS group to work on creating a system to gather data to track services.
- Larry Olness/211 is working on identifying early warnings/indicators of individuals and families in the verge of becoming homeless.
- Committee is trying to get a group together to work on jails, as only a small percentage of the clients are participating in programs, i.e., release programs and others.
- One of their goals is to establish "One Stop" Prevention Centers.
- Committee will work on employment, education and advocacy issues.

Healthcare Committee:

- Committee has also encountered lack of data
- Is interested in establishing a Regional Homeless Healthcare Board
- Will work on inventory of provided services in the community
- Will work on getting and/or expanding mobile health services

Finance Committee:

- Committee is working on creating cost analysis. Funds are coming in from public/private revenues and foundations. Larsen commented that monies will go towards implementing the strategy for the Commission.

#### **IV. Activities**

- Larsen reported that the Commission, in partnership with WDW- Bill Warren, is trying to put together a group to work with the faith based community to gather data.
- Meeting with UCF Dean Michael Frumkin took place to discuss possibility of having a few students assist the Committees.

#### **V. Discussion**

Larsen commented that he will be returning to the Commission with working plan for each Committee and that all Committees need to focus on identifying activities of high value; not necessarily high costs. Committees need to quantify what the needs are and bring to the Financial Committee and Commission.

Glasser commented about the need to get money for scattered site housing as a priority.

Trotter suggested identifying affordable houses and drop in centers, particularly for the male population.

Partyka commented about the lack of on-going education on homeless matters. Ray commented that as part of the education process, he will be meeting with political leaders to educate them on the situation.

Larsen informed that the next meeting will be focused on putting recommendations together and reorganizing the Committees to focus on specified workgroups.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Chairman Kodsi thanked all for their participation.

#### **VII. Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting to be scheduled and announced to the Committee.