

Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes (draft)

June 23, 2008

Heart of Florida United Way

Dr. Nelson Ying Center, Orlando, FL

Members Present:

Chairman Gary Earl, Karen Broussard, Pastor Paul Hoyer, Vicki Kilroy, Larry Olness, Donna Wyche and Carol Wick.

Members Absent:

John Cooper and Lt. Deanne Adams

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

- Chairman Gary Earl welcomed all in attendance and announced that future meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m.

II. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting 6-06-08**

- Minutes of meeting 6-06-08 were approved.

III. **Continuation – Discussion on previous Commission’s prevention outline**

- Brief discussion took place regarding previous Commission prevention outline. Committee immediately moved forward to mapping current prevention services.

IV. **Mapping Current Prevention Services**

- Chairman Earl informed the Committee that the purpose of today’s meeting should be to identify what kind of problematic pieces are in prevention factors, and to describe a prevention approach that is applicable to all population.
 - Pastor Hoyer mentioned family infrastructure being a problematic factor, as an example. He also said that we should promote activities to prevent homelessness and find core values necessary to maintain a home.
 - Karen Broussard expressed the need of having a functional system of what services are really necessary, and the need to advocate/legislate the dollars for prevention services. Larry Olness informed that United Way currently has a system (Maaclink) that tracks clients being served, and that in the near future they will be implementing an additional tracking system that will monitor clients who have requested rental/housing assistance. These clients will be monitored every 3 months with the purpose of knowing if any person in that household has moved. Olness also expressed that there is a need to find programs available on financial assessments. Carol Wick suggested training programs be implemented. Vicki Kilroy said Osceola County offers a program called “Be Captain of your own Financial Ship”.

- With the purpose of continuing the brainstorming session on mapping current prevention services and develop a step-by-step action plan during next meeting to occur on Monday, July 14, 2008, Chairman Earl asked the Committee to do some electronic searches on below preventive elements and submit findings to ten2end@hfuw.org.
 - a. What are “assets” of those who stay in their homes?
 - b. Data tracking (baseline)
 - c. Identify common elements of prevention programs
 - d. Who is currently providing?

- In addition, Earl asked the members to electronically forward any article, study or information they’ve read and think would be helpful for the Committee to read. Any findings should be submitted to ten2end@hfuw.org.

V. Next meeting schedule

- Due to upcoming Holiday (4th of July), Committee agreed to schedule next meeting for Monday, July 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Heart of Florida United Way (Ted Crowell room – 2nd floor).

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.
- Chairman Gary Earl thanked all for their participation.