

Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2008

Heart of Florida United Way
Dr. Nelson Ying Center, Orlando, FL

Members Present:

Chairman Steve Kodsi, Mitchell Glasser, Andy Rosario, Brent Trotter, Paul P. Partyka and Gene Daniels

Members Absent:

Interim Executive Director, Yvonne Vassel; Carmen Dominguez, Michael Wenger and Robert Ansley

Guests:

Fran Korosec, Principal- Northhighland Consulting Group
Roxanne Beardmore, Housing Specialist- Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Chairman Steve Kodsi welcomed all in attendance and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.
- Brent Trotter introduced Roxanne Beardmore to the Committee and provided a brief description of her responsibilities within the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida.

II. Review Minutes of Meeting 5-27-08

- Minutes were reviewed and approved.

III. Continuation of the discussion on transitional housing

- Roxanne Beardmore provided an overview of the low rental assisted, transitional housing and shelter programs the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida handles within Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Among other responsibilities, she works with private builders, renters, etc, by soliciting affordable low income units at affordable rates that best fits her clients' needs. Beardmore currently has placed 45 families in 45 units within a rental assistance program. Ms. Beardmore receives referral of clients through shelters and transitional housings. The majority of clients within the transitional housing program have been through case management and are moving towards self-sufficiency. Many of the programs are assisted by federal funds and/or individual grants. On another note, Beardmore also mentioned that conversations with OUC are ongoing for lowering utility and security deposits rates for folks on certain programs.

IV. Northhighland- continuation of the discussion on strategic imperative process

- Fran Korosec recommended the Committee to develop a list of ideas and programs to include, among others, new grants, grants to be renewed, etc.
- Brainstorming session regarding initiatives for various shelter types took place. Committee developed a list of ideas. Copy of the list to be provided during next Committee meeting of June 24, 2008.
- The following topics are to be addressed at next meeting: Transitional housing (permanent) and permanent housing for homeless.

V. Adjournment

- There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.
- Chairman Steve Kodsi thanked all for their participation.

VI. Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting will occur on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at Heart of Florida United Way (Ted Crowell Room).