



Homeless and Housing Alliance
Lighthouse for the Blind
1710 Tiffany Drive East
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Phone: 561-586-5600
July 28, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Minutes

Name	Agency
Abbott, Karen	Veterans Administration
Alexandre, Francoise	*Life Find Ministries
Boulon, Sandra	PBC Dept. of Health
Cauthern, Mary	YWCA
Collins, Terris	Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health
Devine, Georgiana	PBC Dept of Human & Vet Services
DiBartolo, Amy	Housing Partnership
Gibson, Daniel	The Lords Place
Glucksman, Joe	*Regal Senior Services, Inc
Glucksman, Joe	McCurdy Sr. Housing: Quiet Waters
Gorman, Emily	Adopt-A-Family
Hall, Patti	Family Promise South Palm Beach County
Herd, Kathleen	J.A.Y Outreach Ministries
McFadden, George	Gulfstream Goodwill
McNair, Sonya	Families First of PBC
Miller, Jo	PBC Dept. Housing & Community Development
Munoz, Marilyn	PBC Homeless Coalition Homeless Advisory Board
Nauman, Gibbie	CROS Ministries
Nugent, Irvine	Vita Nova
O'Brien	AVDA
Owers, Kasha	United Way of PBC
Parnett, Kim	PBC Dept of Human and Vet Services
Prior, Linda	Family Promise South Palm Beach County
Rainford, Marcia	Stand Down House, Faith, Hope, Love, Charity
Ramos, Daniel	Center for Family Services
Reyes-Coles, Tomas	The Vets Place
Richardson, Grace	Housing Partnership
Rydman, Greg	Salvation Army
Skolnick, Gail	PB Recovery Coalition
Smith, Cecil	*PBC HIV Care Council
Spencer, Kathy	Gulfstream Goodwill
Stechnij, Susan	The Everglades Inn
Sullivan-Lovell, Alma	Children's Home Society
Webb, Deen	*Faith Farm Ministries
Zettle, Cheri	AVDA

*Guests

1. Call to order/roll call
Chris Harris, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves. Agency attendance was taken. A quorum was established.
2. Approve Minutes for the previous meeting
A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections from the June 23rd meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved by all in attendance.
3. Guest Presentation – Faith Farm, Dean Webb, Exec. Director
Faith Farm is a faith based recovery ministry for drug addicts and alcoholics. Click <http://www.faithfarm.org/>
4. HHA By-Laws Revision
Chris Harris thanked Pam O'Brien from AVDA for her assistance with the revision.
 - a. Article VI, Sections 8 - ...No member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time with the exception of the chair and the chair-elect which must be limited of two years or less.
 - b. Article VI, Section 9 – The Members serve a 3 year term on the committee, but the officers are one year terms, that allow for service of two additional years in that office with the exception of the chair and the chair-elect which must be limited to 2 years or less.
 - c. Discussion about whether Domestic Violence agencies must be state certified in order to qualify for the executive board was postponed until the next executive meeting.
 - d. Daniel Gibson made a motion to accept the revisions to the by-laws as stated. Tomas Reyes-Coles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. HHA Executive Committee Membership Categories – Daniel Gibson
 - a. An initial chart was distributed identifying the primary categories and agencies associated with those categories. Agencies can contact Chris Harris to discuss discrepancies.
 - b. Each agency must identify its primary category for application to the Executive Committee by the end of the August meeting.
 - c. Nominations will take place at the September meeting. An agency must be present to be nominated.
 - d. Daniel distributed a chart that showed agencies qualifying for nomination to the Executive Committee based on attendance guidelines stated in the by-laws. If there are discrepancies, contact Daniel.
6. Sub Committee Reports: all HHA members are urged to be on at least one committee. Meeting Schedule of Sub Committees is located at <http://www.pbcgov.com/communityservices/programs/humanservices/pdf/HAB%202011%20Meeting%20Schedule.pdf>
 - a. CMIS – Chris Harris reported that HUD and Vet programs have been scheduled to take the CMIS training on the upgraded ServicePoint software
 - b. Discharge Planning – no report. Next Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2011

- c. Emergency Response System and Homeless Prevention System – Georgiana Devine reported that centralizing intake and streamlining funding is being evaluated for PBC. A report as to the pros and cons related to these recommendations will be brought forward to the HHA and then to HAB for consideration.
- d. Performance Measurements – twelve measurements and definitions for homelessness have been finalized.
- e. New Members – No report. This committee needs members.
- f. Unmet Needs – No report.

7. Liaison Reports

- a. Affordable Housing – Emily Gorman reported that AAF’s NSP2 program has single family homes available for sale and affordable housing rentals available in 2012.
- b. Homeless Coalition – Marilyn Munoz reported.
 - i. The next Project Homeless Connect will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 4051 Kirk Road, West Palm Beach. Phone 561-355-4764 or email mmunoz@pbcgov.org for info.
 - ii. Yolanda Kennedy, 561-478-5351, Ykennedy@pbcgov.org is the new AmeriCorps Vista person on staff to manage the Faces of Homelessness Speaker’s Bureau. Yolanda gave a brief presentation on the Speaker’s Bureau.
 - iii. Five additional AmeriCorps VISTA staff have been approved for the Homeless Coalition and are expected to begin work in early November 2011.
 - iv. National Conference to End Homelessness – click to get highlights <http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/2011nationalconferencepresentations> Marilyn Munoz and Kim Parnett attended the conference. Kim gave a brief presentation on the workshops she attended. Marilyn distributed a written summary on the workshops she attended. The focus at the conference was the success of re-housing and the increased capacity to provide re-housing through HPRP. More resources should be shifted into rapid re-housing. The most vulnerable should have increased access to certain mainstream programs and everyone needs to join together to vigorously advocate and campaign for funding to protect the most vulnerable.
 - 1. Nan Roman, CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, gave the opening plenary. Click on above link for highlights.
 - 2. All workshop summaries are available online. Click on above link.
 - v. Capitol Hill Day 2011 – Federal Policy Priorities to End Homelessness
 - 1. Provide \$2.4 billion in FY 2012 for HUD’s Homeless Assistance Grants Program.
 - 2. Provide \$135 million in FY 2012 for Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) Programs.
 - 3. Renew all existing Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in FY 2012

4. Provide \$100 million for SAMSHA Homeless Services Programs, including \$12 million for the Administration's proposed housing and services demonstration, in FY 2012.
 - b. HAB/Homeless Resource Center Update: Marilyn Munoz reported.
 1. Agreement between Homeless Coalition and HAB has been signed by the Coalition and is awaiting approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
 2. Homeless Resource Center will open in the fall. Local agencies will provide services.
8. Member Presentation – Because of the lengthy meeting, Chris will present CMIS in August.
9. New Business
 - a. Mat Constantine, Adopt-A-Family, nominated PBC's Rapid Re-Housing Program to be included in a study with Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS procured ABT Associates to conduct the study. ABT Associates indicated that the end result of the study could mean that PBC's Rapid Re-Housing Program model is designated as a promising practice.
10. Old Business: - N/A
11. Announcements
 - VA – The 100,000 home campaign is continuing to be developed with the VA taking the lead. This campaign's focus is to move the most vulnerable, chronically homeless vets into housing
 - Quiet Waters in Belle Glades has vacancies for people 62+. HUD pays 70%.
 - C.R.O.S. has two benefit specialists to help with applications for services, ex food stamps and TANF benefits.
 - PBC Dept. of Health is moving from 45th St. to Ave. P in August. Information will be provided closer to the move.
 - Daniel will call a meeting of agencies that deal with family homelessness to discuss housing strategies.
 - Discussions in the Sheriff's Department on panhandling are on-going

Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 25, 2011