



Homeless and Housing Alliance
Lighthouse for the Blind
1710 Tiffany Drive East
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Phone: 561-586-5600
May 26, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Minutes

Name	Agency
Boulon, Sandra	PBC Dept. of Health
Cabrera, Maria	Veteran's Administration
Collins, Terris	Oakwood Center
Constantine, Matt	Adopt-A-Family
Devine, Georgiana	PBC Division of Human Services
DiBartolo, Amy	Housing Partnership
Gibson, Daniel	The Lords Place
Glucksman, Joe	McCurdy Sr. Housing: Quiet Waters
Gorman, Emily	Adopt-A-Family
Guzman, Kitty	AVDA
Herd, Kathleen	J.A.Y Outreach Ministries
Hershorn, Michael	The Lord's Place
McNair, Sonya	Families First of PBC
Nomikos, Michael	AVDA
Nugent, Irvine	Vita Nova
Olds, Wendy	PBC Dept. Human & Vet Services
Parnett, Kim	PBC Division of Human Services
Prior, Linda	Family Promise SPBC
Rainford, Marcia	Stand Down House, Faith, Hope, Love, Charity
Ramos, Daniel	Center for Family Services
Reyes-Coles, Maite	Coalition for Independent Living Options
Scott, Cassandra	Salvation Army Center of Hope
Shaffer, Carol	PBCHS
Skolnick, Gail	PBC Recovery Coalition
Spencer, Kathy	Gulfstream Goodwill
Stevens, Alex	PBC Community Food Alliance
Sullivan-Lovell, Alma	Children's Home Society
Woodruff, Glenn	Gulfstream Goodwill
*Becton, Hyacinthia	MassMutual
*St. Goerge, Cindie	MassMutual
*Hoffenham, Sharin	MassMutual
*Verduin, Terry	Children's Author/Attorney

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 to approve the minutes from the April 28th meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all in attendance.

Chris advised the group that they are trying to make the HHA more “green sensitive” and in future would like all attendee’s to bring their own copies of the agenda to reduce the amount of copies usually made.

3. Sub Committee Reports and Liaison Reports tabled in order to select category and HHA agencies to apply for the PBC Challenge Grant.
4. Guest Presentation – Cindie St. George from MassMutual’s free life insurance program presented LifeBridge, a free life insurance program to provide \$50,000 worth of life insurance benefiting children’s education whose parents earn \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year.
5. Challenge Grant
 - a. A motion was made to apply for the challenge grant to split funding 50/50 between Homeless Prevention and transitional housing. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken after discussion. The motion was not passed.
 - b. A motion was made to apply for the challenge grant and use 100% of the funding for Homeless Prevention. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken after discussion. The motion passed with one nay vote.
 - c. A motion was made to split funding from the challenge grant equally between three agencies, CILO, Stand Down House, Faith, Hope, Love, Charity, and Adopt-A-Family. Money will be used to prevent homelessness for families and individuals. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
 - d. Carol Shaffer asked each member agency to send a letter stating total dollar funding that can be used for leveraging. She will send a template that can be used.
6. Guest Presentation: Terri P. Verduin, author of children’s books on homelessness requested that agencies sign a petition that would allow her books to be submitted to scholastic so that the books can be put in school libraries. Contact her if your agency would like her to donate the 3 books to your library. P.O. Box 169, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-0169, 561-718-3015, vrduin@hotmail.com, www.vrduin.com.
7. New Business – N/A
8. Old Business: - N/A
9. Announcements
 - Children’s Home Society will present next month.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: June 23, 2011