



Homeless and Housing Alliance  
[www.HHAPBC.org](http://www.HHAPBC.org)  
Lighthouse for the Blind  
1710 East Tiffany Drive  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407  
February 28, 2013 at 2:00 pm  
CoC Agenda

1. **Call to order/roll call** – Pam O'Brien opened the meeting. Agency roll call was taken to establish a quorum.
2. **Approve minutes** – Pam O'Brien, A motion to approve the minutes for the January 2013 meeting minutes was made by Cynthia Becton and seconded by Paul Sherman. Motion carried.
3. **New Procedure Adopted:** Georgiana explained to the CoC the newly adopted HHA-CoC Attendance Procedure.
4. **Sub Committee Reports provided by:**
  - a. Nominations - Rhonda
  - b. HMIS Oversight – Georgiana.
  - c. Performance Measures – Daniel
  - d. Standards Policy and Procedures- Georgiana
5. **Guest Presenter** – Greta Von Unruh from Your PBC.org
6. **Liaison Reports**
  - a. Homeless Coalition/HAB – **Marilyn Munoz** advised that Homeless Coalition has had no movement as of yet regarding the Legislature agenda in Tallahassee. Marilyn further discussed the NAH Strategic Plan and requested all CoC service providers to complete the forthcoming 26 question survey. Also the Lewis Center will open their donation center to PBC-CoC partners who have female clients in need of clothing only. The providers and their clients will be able to come in to the Lewis Center from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Adeline at 561-466-HOME to be placed on the list for security clearance.
  - b. Homeless Resource Center (HRC) – **Ezra Kreig** reported that the HRC had more than 3000 single men and women come to the Center seeking help. Additional Stats are as follows:

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### **Lewis Center January 2013 Stats**

**128**-Telephone Calls for services (increased from last month)

**20**- Female beds added

**17**- Placed on long-Term housing (Individuals)

**31**- Families placed in hotels (with the Help of Adopt-A-Family)

**19**- Re- Housed

**2**- Re-Located to out- of- state

**1**- Placed in permanent - supportive housing

*Ezra* also provided updated information regarding the Lewis Center's referral and Intake process. *Ezra* requested service providers to assist in managing their clients expectations when making referrals. Individuals should arrive by 8:30am for appointments and families by 9:30am. Many questions and discussion were yielded by the CoC.

Furthermore, *Ezra* informed the CoC "Community Resource Meetings" are held every Wednesday from 10 AM to Noon, where agencies are introduced to case managers to find ways to work effectively together and HHA members are invited to participate. If interested, they should call 561-904-7900 or email *Ezra* [ekrieg@lewiscenterpbc.org](mailto:ekrieg@lewiscenterpbc.org) to be scheduled.

## **7. Community Scenario's**

- *Timothy Keohane* with Catholic Charities shared a success story of an Immigrant family needing a Visa extension. Timothy credited Family Promise-North for helping to taking this family in their program, while Catholic Charities Immigration Program provided the legal assistance needed.
- *Cynthia Becton* with St. Georges Center Feeding Program requested a challenge from the CoC; Ms. Becton ask that the CoC continue to keep talks open to make sure this is one service made available to continue feeding of our local families. This is to assure no family go hungry in Palm Beach County. Volunteer service is encouraged.

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8. **New Business** - None presented.
9. **Old Business** - Georgiana provided a FYI warning and weather update; "it is expected to drop below 30 degrees so please alert the families we serve".
10. Announcements – Emily with Adopt-A-Family provided information for the Ducky Derby Raffle Event.
11. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm