



NE FL Governance Board Minutes

May 23, 2022 | Zoom Meeting

Governance Board Members Present

- Ashley Pratt, Mayo Clinic
- Jake Gordon, Downtown Vision
- Nancy Eisele, LSF Health Systems
- Bill Rodgers, VA
- Tyler Morris, CIL
- Irvin Cohen, LISC Jacksonville
- Michael Sullivan, Jacksonville Public Library
- Nicole Hamm, Eastern Quality Foods
- Tom Daly, City of Jacksonville
- Emma Stewart, Florida Blue
- Joe Wolf, Hart & Associates

Community Members Present

- Cindy Watson, JASMYN

CHI Staff

- Monique Elton, CHI
 - Ashley Kerr, Trellis Consulting
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Welcome

Jake Gordon welcomed the board to the May 2022 meeting. He shared that Jimmy Peluso was elected to serve as Vice Chair by the CoC membership at the May 12th monthly meeting. He will support the CoC board chairs (Jake Gordon and Ashley Pratt).

Membership meetings occur on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Changing Homelessness is considering resuming in-person meetings in September 2022. Family Promise has offered their location (Arlington).

Board Member Spotlights

Jake introduced a new agenda item – board spotlights. This is an opportunity for board members to learn about one another and their connection to the homeless response system.

Tom Daly, Chief of Housing and Community Development, City of Jacksonville (COJ)

- COJ administers 4 HUD grants – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- ESG funding is specific to serving households experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness
- COJ supplements ESG funding with CDBG public service dollars (15% of the total CDBG award) – the provider application to request CDBG funds score higher if they provide homeless services (including street outreach, shelter operations, healthcare services, and rapid rehousing)



Ashley Pratt, Director of Community Engagement, Mayo Clinic

- Oversees Mayo Clinic's support of local and regional human service needs
- Job includes oversight of the community health needs assessment – common themes that are recurring in the community: affordable housing, transportation, and health

Jake Gordon, Downtown Vision (DVI)

- Business Improvement District for downtown Jacksonville; nonprofit funded by property owners in the downtown area
- BID is one square mile in the downtown area
- Homelessness is an ongoing issue for property owners in downtown and they are interested in long-term solutions to the core issues of homelessness
- DVI works closely with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) and service providers located in the downtown area
- DVI is a liaison between the Mayor's office, business community, and what is happening on the ground in downtown Jacksonville; while not a supportive service provider, DVI does try to engage in the efforts to address homelessness

CoC Lead Agency (Changing Homelessness) Updates

- Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) (HUD funding)
 - Monique Elton and Cindy Watson provided a history of addressing youth homelessness in the 3-county area, including past application submissions for YHDP funds (CoC submitted applications for Rounds 1-4)
 - Youth providers at the table include Family Support Services, Daniel, Youth Crisis Center (YCC), JASMYN, and others
 - Progress has occurred: JASMYN received a 3-year CHALLENGE grant in 2016 for youth-specific programming, a lot of coordination and planning meetings and a Youth Advisory Board (YAB) was seated, in 2019 Florida Blue funded CHI to support youth planning efforts, 100-day challenge to house youth was completed in 75 days
 - CoC received a debrief from the FY21 application, which wasn't funded
 - Of the 6 sections scored, CoC received maximum scores for 4/6 sections
 - Current YHDP NOFO (Round 5)
 - Need a current (within 5 years) needs assessment – CoC has an outdated one and can't complete a comprehensive needs assessment by the application deadline
 - No current needs assessment = no points awarded; this makes our potential application not competitive with the others
 - Given this, it is the recommendation not to apply for this round, complete a needs assessment and apply in the next round (Round 6)



- Emma Stewart offered to support the needs assessment as a volunteer
- 2022 CoC Competition
 - CHI expects the FY22 NOFO to be released sometime in the summer, and is preparing for it to drop as early as June
 - Once the NOFO drops, it is a mad dash to the submission finish line – timelines are tight and lots of volunteers are needed to help with the process
 - CHI expects certain priorities to continue this year – racial equity, Housing First, health equity
 - CHI submits the consolidated application for the community, so their role includes:
 - Summarizing application details and sharing this with the full community
 - Set timelines and seat Rating & Ranking Committee
 - Handle logistics and organize all components of the timeline and community involvement
 - Train community on what is expected, review individual community applications, consolidate into one large application
 - Board would like to get together and review current Rating & Ranking process and scoring criteria
 - Volunteers: Joe Wolf, Nancy Eisele, Nicole Hamm, Emma Stewart (maybe)
- Coordinated Entry Lead Agency
 - There have been initial discussions about current CE Lead Agency interested in changing its role to focus more on housing problem solving and creating a more client-centered and trauma-informed approach to individuals seeking help
 - Lead Agency is responsible for coordination of the whole system, including compliance and accountability of providers – this is currently not happening in a meaningful way
 - Nothing has been decided yet, but board should be aware that conversations are occurring about a change in role

Votes

- Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda
 - 1st: Irvin Cohen
 - 2nd: Tom Daly
 - Yes: All
 - No/Abstention: 0

The board went into Executive Session at 2:06pm. CHI staff left the conversation.