



NE FL Governance Board Minutes

July 18, 2022 | Zoom Meeting

Governance Board Members Present

- Jake Gordon, Downtown Vision
- Ashley Pratt, Mayo Clinic
- Jimmy Peluso, VyStar Credit Union
- Michael Sullivan, Jacksonville Public Library
- Emma Stewart, Florida Blue
- Irvin PeDro Cohen, LISC Jacksonville
- Bill Rodgers, VA
- Jametoria Burton, FSCJ
- Nicole Hamm, Eastern Quality Foods
- Joe Wolf, Hart & Associates
- David Clark, Downtown Ecumenical Services Council
- Sylvester Pinckney, Kid's Hope Alliance

CHI Staff

- Dawn Gilman, CHI
- Monique Elton, CHI
- Ashley Kerr, Trellis Consulting

Jake welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that another meeting of the CoC Governance Board will need to be scheduled to discuss the City of Jacksonville's [HOME-ARP](#) allocation. The city needs to have the CoC's approval of its HOME ARP Allocation Plan – this funding is part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and is focused on affordable housing development and support people experiencing homelessness. Jacksonville-Duval County's allocation is \$12,060,074. Ashley will send out a Doodle poll to set a meeting with Tom Daly to discuss the Allocation Plan.

Board Member Spotlights

This is an opportunity for board members to learn about one another and their connection to the homeless response system.

Jimmy Peluso, Government Affairs Manager, VyStar Credit Union (VyStar)

VyStar has a huge presence in downtown Jacksonville, is invested in the city, and supports the community. Currently sponsors Sulzbacher Center, Salvation Army, and JASMYN. VyStar's participation on this board may be a preamble to becoming more involved in issues surrounding homelessness. Jimmy shared that he is excited to be a part of the CoC and that it has excellent programs and leadership serving the CoC's most vulnerable. [Jimmy](#) is currently running for City Council (District 14).

Irvin PeDro Cohen, Executive Director, LISC Jacksonville (LISC Jax)



LISC Jax has been in the city for 22 years – it is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with a mission to transform challenged neighborhoods into healthy, sustainable communities. LISC Jax works primarily in the urban core, supporting legacy and gateway communities to strengthen them and make them a destination where people want to live. LISC Jax also focuses on increasing generational wealth throughout our footprint. LISC, as a supporter of legacy and gateway communities and with a focus on affordable housing and sustainability, touches homelessness in many ways across the city.

Emma Stewart, Strategic Partnerships Manager, Florida Blue (FL Blue)

Emma, a social worker by training, has had the opportunity to work within the homeless response system and has a lot of passion to end homelessness. Her current position focuses on where FL Blue's mission and margin meet and she helps implement initiatives that address poor health outcomes, which are impacted by unstable housing and homelessness. FL Blue recognizes that preventive health is a better and less expensive intervention than emergency/urgent care services. Emma is a big proponent of Housing First initiatives and she invited anyone interested in FL Blue's grantmaking process or a partnership opportunity with FL Blue to reach out.

Jake reviewed the consent agenda and the board approved it.

Coordinated Entry Learning Collaborative

Ashley K shared about the Active Coordinated Entry Organization and Compliance Next Steps documents. All CoC- and ESG-funded agencies are required to participate in Coordinated Entry – all are doing so but not all agencies are following the Coordinated Entry P&P, which outlines the expectations for an active user (timely data uploads into HMIS, weekly housing inventory openings, etc.). Once the board approves these documents, they will be sent out to the participating agencies. Agencies will have 12 months to fully comply or will be at risk of losing CoC or ESG funding. Changing Homelessness will support agencies over the next year with training and guidance.

CoC Lead Agency Updates

Monique and Dawn shared about a current and upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). There is an open NOFO focused on unsheltered and rural populations – the CoC only qualifies for the unsheltered component and will be applying but given the 2019¹ unsheltered count numbers the CoC may not score high enough for funding. This is because locations where there are large numbers of unsheltered individuals (ex. Los Angeles) will have access to bonus points. The total amount the CoC could receive is \$6.8M over 3 years. What is working in the CoC's favor is that they worked with Focus Strategies a few years back to develop a plan to address unsheltered homelessness. The Unsheltered NOFO is due October 20, 2022.

Side note: City of Jacksonville is looking into seating a new committee focused on unsheltered homelessness.

¹ Count identified by HUD in the NOFO that is to be used.



The annual CoC competition NOFO is expected to drop sometime in August – the CoC’s renewal amount is approximately \$6M. HUD has stated that the annual competition will occur within the timeframe of the Unsheltered NOFO, so CHI plans to run the applications concurrently to maximize participation and minimize confusion. Both NOFOs require the CoC to run a local competition with scoring criteria, and Monique is working on this in preparation for the competition. She will set up a meeting in early August to work with the board members (and community members) willing to support the FY22 competition (Rating and Ranking Committee). This meeting will include a review of the scoring criteria and discussion of a timeline for the FY22 competition (once it opens). Any board members willing to volunteer for the FY22 competition, please reach out to [Monique Elton](#).

Annual Lead Entity Evaluations

The CoC is required to review lead entities annually. In FL-510 there are 2 entities that cover 3 different roles: Collaborative Applicant (CHI), HMIS Lead Agency (CHI), CE Lead Agency (Mental Health Resource Center – MHRC). Jimmy is leading the evaluation efforts and will be conducting an evaluation of the CE Lead Agency over the next couple of weeks. The evaluations of the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency will follow. The board shared this was a good opportunity to identify areas of improvement and be compliant with HUD’s expectations. Neither Dawn, Monique, or Ashley Kerr are participating in the evaluation activities.

Executive Session

The board went into Executive Session at 11:30am ET. CHI staff and Ashley Kerr left the meeting.

Votes

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

- 1st: Jimmy Peluso
- 2nd: Ashley Pratt
- Yes: All
- No/Abstention: 0

Motion to Approve Coordinated Entry Documents and Protocol

- 1st: Ashley Pratt
- 2nd: Jimmy Peluso
- Yes: All
- No/Abstention: 0