



## NE FL Governance Board Minutes

### September 26, 2022 | Zoom Meeting

#### Governance Board Members in Attendance

- Jimmy Peluso, VyStar Credit Union
- Tom Daly, City of Jacksonville
- Ashley Pratt, Mayo Clinic
- Nicole Hamm, Blue Zones
- David Garfunkel, LIFT Jax
- Emma Stewart, FL Blue
- Nancy Eisele, LSF Health Systems
- Sylvester Pinckney, Kid's Hope Alliance
- Jametoria Burton, FSCJ
- Tyler Morris, CIL

#### CHI Staff

- Dawn Gilman, Changing Homelessness
  - Monique Elton, Changing Homelessness
  - Ashley Kerr, Trellis Consulting
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Ashley Pratt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### Board Member Spotlights

Nancy Eisele shared that she has worked in homelessness for 35+ years, starting in the DC area during the Reagan Administration. She was a part of the creation of a shelter system and saw how multiple funding streams can come together to address homelessness. Currently she is the Director of Housing and Community Inclusion at LSF Health Systems; this department looks at employment and other health-related issues that impact people experiencing homelessness. Nancy serves on multiple CoC boards.

Nicole Hamm is the Executive Director of the Blue Zones Project in Jacksonville. Nicole shared she has always believed that housing is a right and, growing up in different neighborhoods across the city, noted there are large disparities across the community. Since returning to Jacksonville, Nicole has worked towards making the city a more equitable place and is excited to be a part of the CoC Governance Board.

#### Consent Agenda



There was no quorum for the consent agenda therefore the vote will be sent electronically.

### **Board Member Slate**

The Membership Committee recommended that Pastor Carlton Jones be elected to the CoC Governance Board. Jametoria Burton shared that she has known Pastor Jones in several capacities for 30+ years through his business and community engagements, and shared he has a heart for people and a passion for his work. He is a long-standing affordable housing developer and serves on the board of Clara White. Serving on the CoC Governance Board will bring together his professional expertise and personal passion.

### ***Motion to Nominate Pastor Carlton Jones for the CoC Governance Board of Directors.***

1<sup>st</sup>: Membership Committee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Emma Stewart

Yes: All

No/Abstention: 0

*\*Note: Bill Rodgers voted yes verbally to Dawn Gilman, as he was unable to join the meeting. Therefore, there was quorum for this vote.*

### **CoC Competition**

Changing Homelessness plans to submit the CoC NOFO application by close of business on 9/27/22. They are moving the submission date up due to the expected hurricane (Hurricane Ian) expected to make landfall on Florida's west coast on Wednesday. The competition officially ends on 9/30/22 but it is a general best practice to submit prior to the deadline.

Monique sent out the competition materials to the board members on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She noted there were a few edits still needed, and that board members can submit any edits before the NOFO gets submitted tomorrow. Multiple board members thanked Changing Homelessness, and Monique in particular, for their hard work on the application and the organized manner in which the work was conducted. Ashley P. thanked all the board members who volunteered their time to review applications.

The governance board is responsible for approving the application to be submitted to HUD by the deadline.

### ***Motion to Approve the FY22 CoC NOFO Application.***



1<sup>st</sup>: Jimmy Peluso

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jametoria Burton

Yes: All

No/Abstention: 0

*\*Note: Bill Rodgers gave his approval verbally to Dawn Gilman; Jake Gordon gave his approval via email. Therefore, there was quorum for this vote.*

### **Storm Update**

Currently Hurricane Ian is expected to make landfall sometime on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> on the western side of the state. The community's emergency shelters are at or close to capacity. Changing Homelessness and its partners are currently going out to anyone who is actively homeless and asking if they have a plan and walking them through different options, including an explanation of the hurricane shelter system. There are no great answers for people who are living unsheltered, so we are doing our best to inform people of the seriousness of the situation. The city and schools make the call about opening hurricane shelters because most shelters are co-located in schools. Unlike with COVID-19 funds, there is no option to move massive amounts of people into hotels and motels to wait out the storm.

The Sulzbacher Center is in Evacuation Zone 1 and they will likely start moving people tomorrow to higher ground. There will likely not be a shelter taskforce meeting on Wednesday because most people who attend will be preparing for the hurricane. Dawn will be reaching out to Dawn Lockhart at the city and the COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and provide any information they need from us right now.

Tyler Morris shared that CIL provides durable medical equipment (DME) such as shower chairs and other items to people in need during events like this. Please reach out to CIL if there are DME needs to be met.

### **Critical Quality of Life Committees**

The Honorable, City Council President Terrence Freeman called for a Special Committee to Address Quality of Life Issues with three workgroups focused on homelessness, healthcare, and affordable housing. Council Member Nick Howland is leading the Homelessness workgroup and Dawn Gilman is serving as subject matter expert. Each group is meeting five times before November to talk through these issues and bring forth recommendations for next steps. Dawn brought the National Alliance to End Homelessness' system redesign activity to the



homelessness group and reported that there were city council members working alongside people experiencing homelessness – this was a great opportunity for council members to work alongside these individuals.

The next meeting is Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> but the assumption is it will be cancelled due to the storm. Ashley P. noted the CoC Governance Board is well represented on the three workgroups and that there is still an opportunity for others to join if they are interested in participating.

### **Evaluations**

Jimmy Peluso reported that he has been working alongside the co-chairs and other individuals (Nancy E., Will Evans) on evaluating the Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Lead Agency, and the Coordinated Entry Lead Agency. They have met with the Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC – the Coordinated Entry Lead Agency) and are currently reviewing additional documents. They will then move on to the Collaborative Applicant and the HMIS Lead Agency.

Jimmy reported they are working with Erich Chatham, who has a contract with the City of Jacksonville. He stated Erich has experience working with CoCs in Newark and other parts of Florida and can discuss different organizational structures. Jimmy stated they reached out because they want to know what works in other places, especially because many board members are new.

### **Executive Session**

The Executive Session will be moved to the next meeting.