

Northeast Florida Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting

July 13, 2023 | Zoom

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1. Welcome and Introductions – Monique Elton

2. General Updates

- **FY2023 HUD CoC Annual Competition NOFO**

- Bidder's Conferences
 - Tuesday, 7/25 at 3 pm
 - Wednesday, 7/26 at 10 am
 - Estimated \$6.5 million

3. HMIS – Charles Temple

- **Summer Point-In-Time Data Preview**

- FL-510 conducted a point-in-time count during the week of June 26th to June 30th, with the sole focus on literally homeless clients. The motivation behind the count was to pilot different approaches and identify the most optimal method for our continuum care. This was necessary to ensure that we were accurately capturing information that is critical to providing effective services to our unhoused neighbors.
- During the count, we piloted several changes, one of which was dedicating specific days for each county in the continuum. Typically, we conduct the count simultaneously in all three counties, but we believed that by dedicating specific days to each county, we could cover more of our continuum's geographic area and more accurately represent all counties in our numbers. The change was successful to some extent. Although we did not see an increase in the number of surveys, it made things logistically easier, and someone from the Point in Time planning team was present at all counts. Moreover, we almost had the same number of surveys completed with half of the volunteers that we had during the count in January. ***25 volunteers for summer count with 300 surveys. Close to 100 volunteers and 397 surveys completed.***
- Another change we made was extending the counting time from one day to four days. The extension was intended to give our trained outreach staff and certain dedicated social service providers enough time to locate potential hot spots and hard-to-reach locations to accurately account for all clients. However, the approach did not yield the desired results, with very few providers following through with the commitment to do the surveys the whole week of the PIT. Only

two participated, which was significantly lower than we had hoped. We have learned from this experience that it will be crucial for all service providers that interact with the homeless population, especially those that do outreach or operate food pantries, to participate in future counts. Their participation will help us get accurate information and, as a result, provide better services to people experiencing homelessness.

- We believe that the results from the count will help us to make informed decisions about the services we need to provide to our homeless population. We are committed to ensuring that our services are effective and that we are doing everything we can to help the unhoused in our community.
- **Summer Point in time Data summary:**
 - In total, 300 surveys were completed, with 57% conducted in person and 43% through observations. Among the surveyed population, 76 individuals were identified as first-time homeless, 56 as chronically homeless, 19 as veterans, and 13 as victims of domestic violence. The majority of those unhoused individuals surveyed had been in the community for 36 months or longer, followed closely by a significant group who have been unhoused in our community for 0 to 3 months. The most common age range among surveyed clients was 45-54 years old. Notably, 31% of those surveyed were 55 years old or older. Due to the nature of the observations and the inability to directly communicate with clients, data on gender and race were not collected for a substantial number of individuals. The zip codes with the highest number of completed surveys were 32202 (Downtown), 32211 (Arlington), 32207 (San Marco), and 32034 (Fernandina Beach).
- **Data Quality Report Cards**
 - Emails went out to agencies first week of July
 - Will review at HMIS Committee meeting on 7/12
- **HUD Data Standards**

4. Agency Announcements | Open Discussion

5. Adjourned

Attendees:

- Charles Temple- CHI
- Kysha Munn COJ
- Anne Zawada, Gateway
- Karen Thomas PSM
- Good morning, Jeanne Hayes, CHI
- Kelly Garrett - VOA of FL
- Happy Thursday everyone, Tip Dixon/ Relo Adv @ WCJ
- Leilani Williams CHI
- Keith Money FSS
- Mackenzy Foley, CHI

- Joyce Case, Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida
- Jason Henika - Hubbard House
- Cynthia Harpman, Family Support Services
- Lisa Rozier, Micah's Place
- Barbara Jones, Family Support Services
- Katie Ross, (CHI)
- SharDae Bellamy
- Andretta Akins, SSVF
- Lauren Babcock (CHI)
- Joseph Negron, CHI
- Cosmos Cranston, JASMYN
- Andrew Soleyn
- Alefia Landry, Sulzbacher Village
- Vinny Farley CHI
- Dona Douth CHI
- Creighton Archie, HVRP
- Sheila Brown-Jefferson CWM
- Carmella Prescott Daniel Memorial
- Heather Coleman- CHI
- Angie Walker CIL Jacksonville
- Kristian Parker, CHI
- Peggy Boord-Changing Homelessness
- Irvin Pedro Cohen LISC
- Lou Dougherty, Ability Housing
- Courtney White Changing Homelessness
- Ahyanna Shepard, CHI
- Yasheika Allen, WeCare Jacksonville
- Cody Spencer, Ability Housing
- Angela Strain, WeCareJax
- Vera Brown-Floyd - CHI
- Walter & Aleathea Morrison, Trinity Rescue Mission
- Tricia Pough, DCPS
- Daphne Brusoe- Catholic Charities
- Rosemary James, CHI
- Tessa CHI
- Beth Mixson, Family Promise of Jacksonville
- Damon Green - Revitalize Arlington/Impact Church
- Hannah Luse Family Support Services
- Peg Scherr from the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County
- Karen Alexander, WeCareJax
- Teresa Council- Catholic Charities
- Monique Elton, CHI
- Dawn Gilman, CHI

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General Membership Meeting August 10, 2023

