

Northeast Florida Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting

February 12, 2026 | In Person
First United Methodist Church
225 E. Duval Street
Fellowship Hall/Rear of Church

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Gilman
2. General Updates
 - State and Federal – Dawn Gilman

State Policy Update: Homestead Property Tax Debate

- Florida is proposing changes to homestead property tax exemptions.
- Current system:
 - First \$50,000 exempt
 - Annual assessment increases capped at 3%
- Issue:
 - Longtime homeowners pay much less than newer buyers → perceived inequity.
- Proposed changes (various ideas):
 - Eliminate or reduce property taxes
 - Phase-out over time (e.g., 10 years)
 - Exemption for 65+ homeowners (least controversial)

Outlook:

- Likely to appear as a November ballot initiative
- Final proposal still uncertain (House, Senate, Governor negotiations ongoing)

Federal Funding & HUD (Continuum of Care)

- CoC did not resubmit or change funding applications → kept prior year structure.
- Reason:
 - Restrictions prevented adding new project types.
- HUD priorities shifting toward:
 - Transitional housing
 - Supportive services
- Potential reductions in:

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- Permanent supportive housing
- Rapid rehousing

Key Federal Updates:


- New NOFO expected by **June 30**
- At least 60% of funding (Tier 1)
- New requirements emerging:
 - Tracking legal status via SAVE database (not yet accessible to nonprofits)

State Funding Outlook

- Current funding is **stable short-term**
- Expected **declines in future years** (ESG & challenge grants)
- Overall strategy: **“Hold steady”**

- **Point-In-Time – Will Evans**

Point-in-Time (PIT) Count – 2026

- Conducted Jan 29, 2026 across:
 - Duval, Nassau, Clay, Baker counties
- No safety incidents reported 
- Data not yet released (pending validation)

New Tool: “Street Lens” App

- Tracks homelessness year-round via community input
- Features:
 - Pin-drop locations of individuals / hotspots
 - Helps outreach teams respond faster
 - Improves planning for future PIT counts

Important Notes:

- Data not shared with law enforcement for enforcement purposes
- Will help identify:
 - Trends
 - Encampments

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- Movement patterns

Data & System Improvements

- Focus on improving:
 - By-Name List accuracy
 - Monthly / annual homelessness estimates
- Challenges:
 - Tracking self-resolution
 - Measuring true inflow/outflow
- Goal:
 - Create clearer, more usable data for:
 - Funding
 - Planning
 - Public understanding

System Gaps Identified

- Lack of:
 - New shelter beds
 - Discharge planning (jails, hospitals)
- High demand for:
 - Prevention services (~40% of requests)

- **HMIS – Edin Sabanovic**

HMIS Updates

- Housing Inventory Count (HIC) survey:
 - Must be completed (~15–20 min)
- Annual HMIS certification required:
 - Includes training + quiz (~30 min)
 - Non-compliance → access deactivation

3. Agency Announcements | Open Discussion

Announcements & Events

- Hubbard House Walk – March 28
- Housing is Hope Breakfast – Late April (exact date TBD)
 - PIT data to be officially released

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- New housing opportunities mentioned (e.g., apartment availability)

4. Adjourned