

ACCHH Member Minutes
July 18, 2012

Chair Miriam Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., followed by introductions. Miriam requested additions to the agenda – there were none.

Minutes: With the following corrections/additions, the June 2012 minutes were approved unanimously:

- The date for the next meeting was changed from Aug. 15 to July 18.
- What was formerly Challenge funding is now managed by Brevard County United Way
- The Board voted to suspend the by-laws so that the Brendan Shortley could be elected as chair-elect without having served a full-year term in the membership prior to his election.

Speaker/Presentation: Theresa Lowe will provide a presentation on HMIS and the Hearth Act at the August 15 meeting. The board is requesting presenters for upcoming membership meetings – please contact Miriam Elliott to make arrangements.

ACCHH Directors Report: Jack Donovan provided a written report to the members. Highlights from his report:

- The 2011-2012 Challenge Grant funds were expended in full. A report was submitted to the State Office on Homelessness.
- The 2012 State funding will be managed by Brevard United Way. Our Coalition will receive \$66,667 through sub-contract. The recommendations from Rob Rains with the UWAY are to use \$30,000 for CoC lead staff funding, and the remainder to be used for staffing special projects. This is not firm – Brevard UWAY is confirming allowable costs, and the process for sub-contracting.
- CoC check-up – Jack has condensed the Strategic Initiatives from the CoC planning tool (handout) as an example of how we might prioritize our goals and activities as a coalition.
- Priscilla Kaplan and partners have updated the ACCHH website: <http://acchh.org>. Jack recommended format changes to the site be made by the director (board pre-approval), and content changes be approved by board chair or director when chair isn't available.
- The review process for CAPP is underway.

Office on Homelessness Report:

- Theresa Lowe reminded members that the \$67,000 from the state is not recurring funds, and that the Coalition did not receive a staffing grant this year (other than what the Coalition allocates from the Brevard-managed funding).
- Theresa and Cheryl Twombly will be at SFH and Salvation Army to assist individuals obtain EBT cards and/or Continuum of Care Cards. Please contact Theresa for monthly dates and times (theresa@acha-fl.com).
- The Grace Marketplace trial is scheduled for August 14.
- Next ImpComm meeting is Aug. 13, 10a at Grace Knight.
- Theresa has provided staff trainings for HMIS. The ACHA has new HMIS licenses, and a few ART reporting tools for large agencies. If you and/or your staff need to be trained or licensed, contact Theresa.
- Stand Down is Sept. 13-14 at the MLK Jr. Multipurpose Center. Please register your agency and post the distributed flyers. Contact Theresa for more info.
- The CoC action plan and 10-year plan have merged so we now have one, working document.

Old Business: Please submit your membership forms and dues to Jack asap. If you aren't sure if your agency is current, please contact Jack if you aren't sure if your agency is current jack@acha-fl.us. Membership is a requirement for participation in competitive funding opportunities.

Resource Development Work Group: Ron Hall said Sam's Clark's committee submitted their eligibility recommendations for agencies requesting Coalition funds to the board for review and approval. Trinity United Methodist has made homelessness a priority, and the church is interested in partnering with agencies. Please contact Ron for more info ron@acha-fl.com. RDWG meets at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Tues. of each month at the ACHA.

Hunger Work Group: Cheryl Twombly said HWG is working on Stand Down and the Breakfast on the Plaza. BoP registration forms will be distributed Aug. 1 along with a wish list for care package items. HWG may contact Trinity United Methodist to assist with the BoP.

Gainesville Police Dept. Ernest Graham said the Dental Lab continues to register people who are camping in the adjacent property. An arrest was made following a shooting and domestic violence incidents in a camp, and the perpetrator is in jail. This was a relief to the residents of the camp, and law enforcement. Follow-up on the man who was bitten by an alligator: He is recovering, and because he is a veteran, advocates were able to locate housing for him.

Homeless Comments/Suggestions: Clifford introduced himself and said is seeking assistance from Meridian Bridgehouse. He recently moved from the North, and is living at SFH. He has medical and disability issues. Demetra from Meridian is going to assist him locate services and housing.

Program Announcements: Mr. Steve Datkuliak with Sun Trust Bank introduced himself (he brought bagels for all). He said the bank is interested in partnering in the community, and while they don't have available funding now, they are thinking about the future and ways that they can be involved. Miriam told him that ACCHH is very interested in staying connected with the business community, and thanked him for attending our meeting.

Ellen said that there appears to be more gaps in our weekly meal calendar, and that there are days where someone may not be able to find a prepared meal. Jack has prepared a monthly meal/grocery calendar, and he will put it on the website and distribute at the next meeting. He asked that we all review/edit so he can distribute an up-to-date, comprehensive list.

Reminder – SA is not providing emergency shelter at this time.

Miriam has volunteered to take bug spray/ water to the HomeVan if folks want to bring those items to the ACCHH meetings.

Next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on August 15 at St. Francis House. Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Beth O'Grady