

Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board Meeting

Community Services Building, Basement Conference Room
810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

February 6, 2008

Board Members Present

Pastor Leo Abdella, Faith-Based Community Representative
Dr. Alina Alonso for Dr. Jean Malecki, PBC Health Department
Thomas Bell, Formerly Homeless Representative
Perry Borman, FL Department of Children & Families
Michelle Carter, Formerly Homeless Representative
Michelle Diffenderfer, Business Community Representative
Dr. Ann Faraone for Bill Graham, PBC School Board
Paul Gionfriddo, Private Foundation Community Representative
John Green for Mayor Thomas Masters, City of Riviera Beach
Stephen Johnson, Formerly Homeless Community Representative
Robert Kellman for Jerry Taylor, City of Boynton Beach
Ezra Kreig, General Representative
Philip Lewis, Business Community Representative
Captain Jeff Lindskoog, PBC Sheriff's Department
Bill Oberlink, Business Community Representative
Jack Scarola, Business Community Representative
Elivio Serrano for Scott Badesch, United Way of Palm Beach County
Andrew Sherman, General Representative
Lillian Tomeu for Mayor Donald Garrett, City of Belle Glade
William Washington, Business Community Representative
Suzette Wexner, Private Foundation Community Representative
Dr. Ron Wiewora for Dwight Chenette, PBC Health Care District
David Zechman, Hospital Executive Representative

Board Members Not Represented

Judith Aigen, Housing Authority
Jorge Camejo for Steve Abrams, City of Boca Raton
Cory Ciklin, Palm Beach County Judiciary
Tana Ebbole, PBC Children's Services Council
Rita Ellis, City of Delray Beach
Lois Frankel, City of West Palm Beach
Kerry Gallagher, Philanthropic Community Representative
Susan Guillama, Business Community Representative
David Gury, Business Community Representative
Jeff Koons, PBC Board of County Commissioners

Miriam Maldonado, Formerly Homeless Representative Nominee
Thomas Masters, City of Riviera Beach
Shannon Sadler Hull, Private Foundation Community Representative
Bernard Shulman, PBC Emergency Shelter Board

County Staff Present

Georgiana Devine, PBC Community Services, Human Services Division
Jenise Gibson, Criminal Justice Commission
Claudia Tuck, PBC Community Services, Director, Human Services Division
Jon Van Arnam, PBC County Administration

Consultant Staff Present

Krysten Bennett, Langton Associates
Mike Langton, Langton Associates

Others in Attendance

Susan Boone
Rita Clark
Karis Engle, Glades Initiative
Juanita Bryant Goode
Shelley Gottsagen, Homeless Coalition
Chris Harris, 211
Lori Hubner
Dorla Leslie, Center for Family Services
Dawn Kruppa
Pam O'Brien
Matte Reyes-Coles, Center for Independent Living Options
Bovlon Sandic
Kathy Spencer, Goodwill
Diana Stanley, The Lord's Place
Wendy Tippett, Adopt A Family of the Palm Beaches

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Vice-Chair Bill Oberlink.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

Continue Amendments to Goals and Action Steps

Mike Langton led attendees through the two Goals (6 & 7) and the correlating Action Steps that were not addressed by the full group at the January meeting. Affirmed amendments were

made by Krysten Bennett in real time with the discussion, and will be reflected in the revised document to be distributed prior to the next meeting.

Discussion of Proposed 'New Ideas'

Mike Langton led discussion regarding the 'New Ideas' proposed by each group during the January meeting. It was determined that some of these ideas were previously addressed during the amendatory process. A total of six Action Steps were added to the as a result of this discussion, and additional amendments were affirmed throughout the seven Goals and Action Steps.

Significant discussion, reflected in Action Step amendments, was held regarding the following issues:

- The existence of medical and psychiatric assessments vs. accessibility to these resources
- The need to add 'people with co-occurring needs' to the recurring list of currently underserved populations
- Whether lack of affordable childcare is a true reason for family homelessness
- Whether the HAB should consider advocating for a County ordinance regarding living wages
- The HAB's inability to literally create more affordable/accessible housing due to the national reach of the issue
- The need to develop law enforcement procedures related to homelessness that are accepted by local law enforcement agencies County-wide
- The need for a system that requires the Homeless and Housing Alliance to communicate prioritization of funding recommendations to the HAB
- The need to consider establishing an independent, publicly funded entity with ultimate local authority over homeless issues
- Various ideas related to providing financial incentives to individuals

Public Comment Period

Ezra Krieg and Paul Gionfriddo requested that the comments in the letter submitted by Maite Reyes-Coles of the Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc. be entered into the public record, but also be discussed at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- Next meeting is Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 2pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm