

# **ADOPTED - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE:** Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS)

MEETING DATE and TIME: February 14, 2019 at 9:00am

MEETING LOCATION: Basement Conference Room - 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Anne Gerwig (Chair)

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Sharon Greene, Dr. Thomas Cleare, Barbara Jacobowitz, Heather Tate-Boldt, Carlos Poveda

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Houston Tate** 

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Bolton, James Green, Taruna Malhotra, Meghan Parnell, David Rafaidus, Stessy Cocerez, Vivian Blackmon-Taylor, Sharon Nangle, Wendy Tippett, Diane Gutman (Wellington Cares, Inc.), Scot Kannel, Sharon L'Herrou (211), Karis Engle (The Glades Initiative), Natalie Diaz Rodriguez (CSD CAP), Amber Lott (CILO), Jennifer Rey (AVDA), Sherry Johnson (Community Caring Center), Seth Bernstein (UW PBC), Ontario Johnson (P2P), Joyce Hambrick (Seagull Services), Maura Merkal (PBC Resident/Volunteer)

**<u>DISCLOSURES:</u>** Heather Tate-Boldt disclosed that her agency, El Sol JNRC, currently receives funding from Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA).

CHAIR & STAFF COMMENTS: Anne Gerwig thanked David Rafaidus and the rest of the Community Services Department (CSD) staff for all their hard work behind-the-scenes.

# **CONSENT ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: 2.A/B. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions / Adoption of Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the agenda by Dr. Thomas Cleare. Second by Sharon Greene. Agenda approved and adopted by unanimous vote.

# **REGULAR BUSINESS - ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: 3.A. Adoption of CAC Regular Committee Minutes (January 10, 2019)

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the minutes by Dr. Thomas Cleare. Second by Barbara Jacobowitz. Minutes approved and adopted by unanimous vote.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 3.B. Review of FAA RFP (Meghan Parnell)

- James Green gave a PowerPoint presentation on the shift to align the FAA categories with the priorities set forth by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
  - > Goals = to have greater impact on BCC priorities, be more outcome-driven, and better align with community needs.
  - > Several strategic steps will be taken in order to ease into the shift and make it a staggered process.

- > There will be main categories with subpopulation focuses; separate pots of money will remain for each of the subpopulations.
- > At the conclusion of the PowerPoint presentation, there was general group discussion.
- Meghan Parnell presented the draft guidance document for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP), which will now be called a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
  - > The Securing Our Future Initiative (SOFI) has been rolled into the Economic Stability/Poverty service category but there will be separate ranking guides.
  - > The different priorities and strategies were presented and discussed.
  - > The goal is to make alignment shifts without creating gaps in the system. The full transition won't occur until 2021.
  - > Public comments on the document can be made until February 19, 2019 so it can be finalized and opened by February 25, 2019.

# **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 3.C. Economic Access/Poverty Workgroup Update (James Green)

- James Green gave a brief, general recap of the progress that has been made during the Economic Mobility/Poverty Workgroup meetings.
- Following today's CAC meeting, the workgroup will meet to discuss the timeline moving forward.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 3.D. PBC: Socioeconomic Barriers to Economic Mobility Report (James Green)

- David Rafaidus was tasked with compiling various data sources into one reference document.
- James Green praised David Rafaidus' work on the Socioeconomic Barriers to Economic Mobility Report as far as it is still in draft form. It can, however, be shared with whomever wishes to see it.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 3.E. CAC/HHS Membership Composition & Matrix (James Green)

- James Green stated that there isn't much more to update on for the moment regarding the Matrix.
- David Rafaidus mentioned there are currently two (2) vacancies on the CAC/HHS Committee. One
  of the vacancies is for someone who resides west of the 20-mile bend and the other is an at-large
  position.
- An additional at-large position representing the Health Department will be occurring in late March.
- Three (3) people have expressed interest in joining the CAC/HHS but no applications have been submitted as of today's meeting.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 3.F. CAC/HHS & ex-officio Nominations (David Rafaidus)

- David Rafaidus mentioned that one applicant, Scot Kannel, is up for consideration for ex-officio position.
- Mr. Kannel is the previous CEO for Arc of the Glades and served for close to 30 years. He is recently
  retired and wishes to continue working towards creating positive change in the community.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

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Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Vote to approve and accept Mr. Kannel's nomination by Dr. Thomas Cleare. Second by Barbara Jacobowitz. Nomination approved and adopted by unanimous vote.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 4.A. Staff Information Updates

- James Green invited everyone to participate in upcoming discussions in which the public will get the opportunity to weigh in on the second Homeless Resource Center. More information will be going out soon
- James Green announced the upcoming Race to Equity summit on February 20 and 21, 2019.

- Mr. Green also wished Taruna Malhotra, his Assistant Department Director, a very Happy Birthday.
- Mr. Green announced the upcoming CARE Council Retreat on February 22, 2019.
- Mr. Green thanked everyone who volunteered in this year's Point in Time count.

**OTHER BUSINESS** 

Agenda Item: 4.B. Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• Dr. Thomas Cleare mentioned that negotiations were still under way on the collaboration between the Health Care District, Palm Beach County, and JFK Hospital to open an Addiction Stabilization Center but progress is being made.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 4.C. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- AVDA announced their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Heart of a Woman Luncheon on February 28, 2019.
- United Way will release two (2) RFA's in March on Education and Mentoring.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 4.D. Good News Item(s)

- Anne Gerwig introduced her friend Diane Gutman from Wellington Cares, Inc.
- Ms. Gerwig also announced the opening of the new Joe DiMaggio Pediatric Center in Wellington.
- Mr. Gerwig reminded everyone that the "Let's Move!" campaign will also begin in March; Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach will also be starting a similar initiative.
- Sheron L'Herrou from 211 announced that they just received new funding to focus on services for Veterans.
- Seth Bernstein shared a brief update on the Mental/Behavioral Health initiative roundtable events that are coming up.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item: 4.E. Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings

 David Rafaidus stated the following potential topics up for discussion: the RFP/NOFO, Socioeconomic Barriers to Economic Mobility Report, possible presentation about refugees and the current job market.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 14, 2019, April 11, 2019
DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 28, 2019, March 28, 2019

# **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: 5. Meeting Adjournment

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision.

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