**Meeting Minutes**

**Continuum of Care of Naples/Collier County-FL606**

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| Thursday, January 7, 2016United Way, Naples, FL |

1. **ATTENDEES**

Beverly Belli, David Lawrence Center; Fred Richards, Goodwill; Estrella Rodriguez, Goodwill-Joblink; Christine Welton, Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition; Dannielle Brun, Henkels & McCoy Florida Connections; Rene Givens, Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition; Sandra Marrero, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children; Olga Hernandez, IMMCAA; Lillian Dimas, IMMCAA; Mark Lemke, Collier County Health Department; Tom Wedlock, Collier County Sheriff’s Office; Tom Bamrick, Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida; Daniel Washington, Career Source Southwest Florida; Taylor Davis, Collier County Emergency Management; Anna R. Encarnacion, Youth Haven, Airam Cardenas, Cancer Alliance of Naples; Meg Stepanian, Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition; Cynthia Rodriguez, Collier County Public Schools

1. **MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Sandra Marrero, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children

1. **CALLED TO ORDER**

3:03 P.M.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the November 5, 2015, minutes was made by Rene Givens. Fred Richards seconded the motion

1. **THE YEAR IN REVIEW & NEXT STEPS**
* Rene Givens and Dannielle Brun spoke about the addition of two staff members at Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition (HHC). Christine Welton is supporting HMIS and Meg Stepanian is supporting the CoC
* Focus areas for the CoC in 2016 are:
* Increasing membership and improving relationships. If you have any associates that work with the homeless population, please encourage them to become members of the CoC and attend our meetings. The HHC will be forming a sub-committee to help recruit new members
* Forming a coordinated assessment
* Bridges out of Poverty-understanding the family dynamics to better serve the homeless population. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Dannielle Brun will be sending an e-mail blast with further information
1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
* 2016 Elections
* Chair-Dannielle Brun
* Vice Chair-Vacant
* Sandra Marrero-Secretary
* The Committee is in need of a Vice Chair and will accept nominations
* The results of the Executive Committee selections or appointments were open for discussion. No other nominations were presented. Will be bought back for vote in March meeting
1. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Data/HMIS-Geoffrey Magon will chair this committee
* Nothing to report
1. Employment & Support Services-Fred Richards
* Nothing to report
1. Grants-Pam Baker
* Nothing to report
1. Housing-Angela Edison
* Nothing to report
1. Planning-Executive Committee
* Nothing to report
1. Membership-Rene Givens
* Nothing to report
1. Children and Youth-Tom Wedlock and Tom Bamrick
* Nothing to report
1. **OLD BUSINESS**
* None
1. **NEW BUSINESS**
* PIT will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2016 and Friday, January 29, 2016
* Some discussion followed regarding the agencies that will be present at the Get Help Clinic on the 29th at the Tree of Life Church
* Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact Meg Stepanian
* Please contact the Hunger and Homeless Coalition with any needs you may encounter related to the homeless count or if you have any suggestions on new locations where volunteers should conduct interviews
1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
* Rene Givens handed out information on Tech 4 Good of Southwest Florida-see attached
* There a new mandates for able bodied individuals between the ages of 18-49 receiving food stamps. Please send your clients to the Career Source Center or visit myflorida.com for further information
1. **NEXT MEETING**
* Executive Committee, Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Hunger & Homeless Coalition office, located at 5251 Golden Gate Parkway Suite E
* The next General Membership will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Location to be determined
1. **ADJOURNED**
* 4:14 P.M.