



Present

Mark Broms
Keith Donald
Ken Stackpoole
Kelly Calvacca
Doug Holton
Elizabeth Donoghue

Unable to attend

John Farrell

Minutes of the January 18, 2016 Planning Meeting

Next meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016 9 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. The committee reviewed progress in the prioritized areas.

1) Collective Impact

Ken briefed members on the status of the Spring Summit. It will be held in May, most likely on the FIT campus. Libby initiated a discussion regarding the broad objectives of the conference. The focus will be to 1) update attendees on the progress of the campaign(s) against homelessness (Chronic, Families, Vets, and Youth) and 2) discuss what the Coalition needs and how attendees can contribute. Invitations will be sent to 100-150 key community members. Speakers may include representatives from Government, Law Enforcement, Faith based community, Housing, and Education, as well as (a) special guest speaker(s) from the Central Florida Partnership.

We discussed the advisability of creating a video for the event, as well as preparing a small, focused package of written materials for the attendees.

We will focus on both aspirational and inspirational messages, as well as data-driven presentations, including generic data, Brevard County specific data, as well as fresh Coalition experiential data.

2) Outreach

Keith updated the Committee on the results of a recent discussion that he and Joe Cline had with Vic DeSantos and Sheriff Ivey. The Sheriff agreed to produce an instructional video that will be included in staff education focusing on constructive engagement with homeless citizens. The Sheriff was also interested in our creating a curriculum that can be used in training at the EFSC Law Enforcement Academy. The Sheriff was also interested in assisting us with pure Outreach by

making available off-duty deputies to join us in our Outreach activities. Finally, there was some preliminary discussion of collaborating with 211 Brevard to set up a Dispatch service for emergency situations. This will require more planning and preparation.

3) Housing

The Committee had a wide-ranging discussion covering the multiple challenges of homeless housing including the lack of affordable housing (especially for rent), and the lack of temporary housing to cover the short-term needs of households awaiting more permanent housing solutions.

Kelly shared with us the process for utilizing SHIP funds for homelessness. Unfortunately, this year's opportunities in Melbourne have expired. Doug discussed the advisability of set-asides for new construction. Keith shared his preliminary discussions with the Brevard Housing Authority regarding the use of existing properties to provide both temporary and permanent housing solutions.

Kelly promised to keep the committee up-to-date on future funding opportunities and share with us the "tools" used to increase the affordable housing stock in the community.

Mark mentioned that there will be a follow-up get-together of the community members that participated in the Robert Marbut visit on January 27th. Mark and Ken plan to attend. Keith is unable to do so, but will be meeting Jarin Eisenberg to discuss our progress this week.

4) Faith-based providers

Doug led the group in a discussion regarding how we can leverage the work of our Faith Based community. A large number of congregations are presently engaged in various aspects of the campaign to end homelessness, but some would like to do more. Not every congregation can do everything, but many could do more. We discussed how it would be useful to have a list of areas where coalition experts could work with congregations to enhance what they provide. Areas could include outreach, shelter, financial assistance to families with children, etc.

5) Misc.

Ken asked what our strategy is to build Case Management capacity. He wondered whether we should have a centralized resource pool. We discussed the importance of having coalition-wide standards and measurements being most important. Mark Broms mentioned the BHC will be hiring a Case Manager to support the Challenge Grant.

Keith Donald shared some dashboard data from the Chronic Homelessness campaign. Members were encouraged to give feedback.

Mark Broms asked the Committee whether they could see the value in creating some Board level committees in the Future. Examples may be committees on Housing, Health Care, Legal, Chronic Homelessness, Families, Faith Based Providers, etc. Committee members were generally favorable and Mark will propose this at the February 9th Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.