



Human Services Department

Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (“HOSSD”)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting
May 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
Senator Nan Rich Board Chair	X			Reniese McNeal	X		
Mikal Cartier	X			Ron Moffett	X		
Amanda Bartle			X	Silvia Quintana		X	
Tom Ruthardt- Ex- officio	X			Cathy Stutin	X		
Keith Cavanaugh – Ex-officio		X		Officer Chung	X		
Brian Donovan			X	Pam Beasley-Pitman	X		
Sandra Einhorn	X			Larry Rein			X
Tiffany Garcia	X			Robin Martin	X		
Juan Saavedra			X	Howard Bakalar		X	
Commissioner Adam Gruber	X			Michael Baldwin	X		
Maria Hernandez	X			Sheena Kitt	X		
Dionne Blackwood	X			Melida Akiti	X		
Angela Chin	X			Emmittcia Jones		X	

Marisa Sotelo	X						
Joseph Kenner	X						

Call to Order and Quorum

Senator Rich, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

Roll Call

Patrice Paldino called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of May and June meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the April 2025 meeting minutes

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Chair Report

Senator Rich shared some information that she received from Robert Beck, who is a Lobbyist for both the Area Agency on Aging and the county. Senator Rich informed the Board that the Legislature has not announced when they will reconvene to finish the State budget for the new fiscal year. Senator Rich stated that the hold-up seems to be establishing budget conference spending allocation, and tax cuts, which the House would like a large recurring tax cut, while the Senate continues to maintain its position, which is not to cut recurring tax revenues to the level suggested by the House. The Senate and Governor do not want to tie the state's hands by reducing recurring tax revenues, especially given the uncertainty of federal cuts to Medicaid and other programs and a potential economic slowdown. The Senate continues to point out that the state revenues are projected to decline in 2026 and 2027 by \$3 billion and then by 7 billion the next year. The Senate believes that large cuts to recurring general revenue when the state is facing large shortfalls in recurring revenue puts the state at risk.

Senator Rich mentioned the Medicaid and SNAP cuts and stated that Medicaid is a cornerstone of stability for individuals experiencing homelessness and those living in Supportive Housing.

Senator Rich informed the Board that the County Commission approved eight housing finance projects in Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Miramar, Sunrise, and Tamarac.

New Business

- **CoC Builds:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HOSS-D received a HUD letter on May 16, 2025, regarding the competitive CoC Builds NOFO process. Patrice Paldino stated that the county received several bids, and that Broward Partnership was selected as the recipient of the award. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the county has been notified that the funding for the CoC Builds opportunity has been rescinded by HUD. Patrice Paldino stated that the CoC Builds project is being replaced by a new NOFO which supersedes the one published in 2024 and that applicants who applied under the previous 2024 NOFO must submit a new application for the new NOFO in order to be reconsidered.

Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (HOSS-D) updates:

HUD Award letter:

Alex Morales informed the Board that the county received some information regarding HUD funding for the financial year 2024 for HUD. They're a year behind us and had some increases in the funding. We officially received the award letter on April 30, 2025, from HUD indicating that those numbers are in effect and there will be no cuts from those numbers.

Landlord Recruitment process:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that previously there was an MLS Multiple Listing Service that was on our website and landlords were able to register to be a part of to show the listings that they have available. Patrice Paldino stated that as with all projects, HOSS-D is constantly looking at them, seeing what's working, what's not working and looking to improve areas. One of the areas that we identified is that the MLS was found to be an ineffective tool because landlords felt as though they were already on the MLS, which is the realtor service. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HOSS-D instead has a dedicated staff person to be a direct contact for landlords who are interested in participating in the program.

HEART update:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HEART has identified 66 households which represents 103 clients. Patrice Paldino stated that the information collected from the School Board is being compared to the data in HMIS to make sure all children are being identified.

Placements in Shared Housing, AHF, and Tax Credits:

Alex Morales informed the Board that 14 families have been housed at the Villages at New River, which is the Aids Healthcare Foundation property. Alex Morales stated that the majority of the families who have been housed through this program left a shelter, creating space. Alex Morales informed the Board that a shelter bed costs \$46 a night for the county and that the county has been able to house these families with this program for \$750 a month as opposed to keeping them in a shelter for a year, which costs \$16,000 per person.

Alex Morales informed the Board that another initiative that the county is working on is shared housing. Alex Morales stated that for shared living, the individual has to be sustainable, and rent varies between \$800 to \$950 a month. Alex Morales shared that 12 individuals have been successfully housed in this program, with one application pending. Alex Morales informed the Board that the county provides move-in assistance, first month's rent, and the security deposit, ranging between \$1,500 and \$1,900, which is also more cost-effective.

Alex Morales informed the Board that the county has a partner with some tax credit properties, and HOSS will be sending over applications to them. Alex Morales stated that there is a tentative meeting so that the process can be refined and so that staff can learn about qualifications to be able to vet individuals.

Alex Morales informed the Board that HOSS is creating a master list of every affordable housing project in the county and will make contact with the individuals who own or manage the properties.

Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 CoC :

Patrice Paldino gave the Board a data presentation on Quarter 1 and Quarter 2.

Old Business:

HCoC Vacancies update:

VA Representative- Potential candidate

Committee Updates:

Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps

PONG Chair gave a brief update on what the Committee discussed at the last meeting.

Housing Action Committee (HAC)

No updates

Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)

Reniece McNeal shared that the Committee is preparing for the June 2025 Homeless Symposium.

Homeless Youth & Families Committee

Mr. Wendell Johnson shared student 2024/2025 data.

Homeless Providers, Stakeholders Council

Mikal Cartier gave the Board a brief update.

Public Comment

None.

Good of the Order:

None

The meeting Adjourned at 1:08 a.m.

Next HCoC Meeting- **TBD**