



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
August 27, 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		Melida Akiti		X	
Dionne Blackwood	X			Emmittcia Jones	X		
Angela Chin	X			Marisa Sotelo			X

Joseph Kenner	X						
Taneshia Taylor	X						

Call to Order and Quorum

Senator Rich, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

Roll Call

Alex Morales called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of May meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the June 2025 meeting minutes

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Chair Report

Senator Rich informed the Board that DOGE had completed an audit and congratulated the staff for their hard work throughout the process. She reported that the County recently held a lengthy budget meeting, during which each agency went through a 5% reduction exercise to be submitted to the County Administrator in anticipation of potential cuts. Senator Rich emphasized that the County remains fiscally responsible and in excellent financial condition.

New Business

- **Executive Order:**

Alex Morales informed the Board that the Executive Order affects some of HOSS-D's programs, ending Housing First as a guiding principle for HOSS-D housing programs. The Executive Order directs the Secretary of HUD to prioritize funding for programs that meet specific criteria, such as communities that do not permit encampments. Alex Morales informed the Board that HOSS-D is in the process of reviewing forms, policies, written standards, and service delivery models to remove the housing first language.

- **Written Standards:**

Alex Morales informed the Board that HOSS-D staff, along with providers, have been meeting to ensure that the Written Standards are compliant with the Executive Order.

Bus Advertisement:

- Nichole Francis informed the Board that HOSS-D is currently working on adding display cards inside the buses so that individuals experiencing homelessness know that resources are available to them. Nichole Francis stated that the buses will have the Homeless Help Line cards along with a QR Code for the HOSS-D website, where individuals will be able to access resources and information. Nichole Francis mentioned that to date, flyers are available at every bus terminal, and we have coordinated with Transit to ensure that information is circulated.

Landlord Recruitment and Breakfast:

- Nichole Francis informed the Board that the Landlord Recruitment Breakfast will be taking place on November 17, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ann Kolb Nature Center. Nichole Francis stated that the event is already being advertised and that HOSS-D has reached out to current landlords that they work with. Nichole Francis mentioned that there are currently 107 individuals registered to attend the breakfast, and the goal is to get 150.
- Alex Morales informed the Board that Nichole Francis is working on revamping the Project Home Again website that HOSS-D uses for landlord recruitment.

Measuring Effectiveness:

- Alex Morales informed the Board that this is the information that was reporting to DOGE.

TaskForce, Care Resource and Handy:

- The TaskForce For Ending Homelessness and Care Resource presented data to the Board. The Board received the data presentations via email.
- Handy presented on services offered, and the Board received contact information.

FY26 NPO Tracking:

- Alex Morales informed the Board that HOSS-D is requesting an extension of an additional year to continue providing services, which will include case management,

Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, and Outreach programs.

Motions: To approve the NPO funding recommendations

Declaration of conflict: **None**

Approved

Old Business:

HCoC Vacancies update:

VA Representative- Potential candidate

Committee Updates:

Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps

No update

Housing Action Committee (HAC)

The Committee is in the process of planning the 2025 Landlord Breakfast.

Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)

The Committee is planning the next Symposium for January/February 2026.

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 1:20 p.m.

Next HCoC Meeting

October 22, 2025