



**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
February 25 , 2026, 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			Silvia Quintana	X		
Amanda Bartle	X			Officer Chung	X		
Tom Ruthardt- Ex- officio	X			Pam Beasley-Pitman	X		
Keith Cavanaugh – Ex-officio	X			Larry Rein	X		
Brian Donovan	X			Robin Martin			X
Sandra Einhorn	X			Howard Bakalar	X		
Tiffany Garcia	X			Michael Baldwin	X		
Juan Saavedra	X			Melida Akiti	X		
Commissioner Adam Gruber	X			Emmittcia Jones			X
Maria Hernandez		X		Marisa Sotelo	X		
Dionne Blackwood	X			Joseph Kenner	X		
Angela Chin	X			Taneshia Taylor	X		

Call to Order and Quorum

Senator Rich, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Roll Call

Patrice Paldino called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of January meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the January meeting minutes

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Chair Report

Senator Rich thanked all the attendees of the Cold Weather Response Team Appreciation Breakfast and recognized all who participated. She noted that the usual cold weather shelter capacity of 140 individuals was surpassed in February, with 211 people sheltered.

Senator Rich thanked Reniese McNeal for her work on the 10th Annual Homeless Symposium, which drew 246 attendees, and acknowledged Commissioner Fisher for attending.

Senator Rich also reported that she and her Aide rode the Rotary Connection bus, which provides transportation for homeless individuals and connects them with necessary services. One stop was at LifeNet for Families, where she walked through the facility and spoke with individuals about their experiences and needs. She noted that since its inception last Fall, the Rotary Connection has served over 3,000 individuals, and 17 people have been reunified with family since January alone.

Old Business

- **NOFO update:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the Federal Continuing for the budget has resolved some of the fiscal year 25 NOFO. Patrice Paldino stated that the continuing resolution requires HUD to immediately renew, without competition, any projects ending in the first quarter (January through March) for 12 months.

New Business

- **Data:**

Cold Weather:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that on one cold-shelter night, the number of individuals sheltered ranged from 60 to 211 a night. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HOSS-D was able to send an individual to BARC and another individual to Henderson Behavioral Health. In total, 1,868 individuals were sheltered during the cold weather event.

10th Annual Homeless Symposium:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that there were 246 attendees, including 147 clients, 99 providers, and 33 partnering agencies. Patrice Paldino stated that Arms of Hope placed 2 individuals in shared housing and that Broward Behavioral Health assisted individuals with various services.

Broward County School Board HEART:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that this data represents the number of students and not households, and this report is a six-month snapshot. This presentation will be sent out to the Board.

Safe Parking:

Patrice Paldino reviewed the criteria to be eligible for the Safe Parking Program, which requires families to live in Broward County, have one minor child, not be a sex offender, fit the HUD definition of homelessness, at least one individual in the car must have a driver's license and the car must be registered and insured. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that this project launched on December 15, 2025, and as of February 17, 2026, HOSS-D's Coordinated Entry team has screened 182 households. Patrice Paldino stated that a total of 150 screenings has been completed, and of those, 182, 32 are still waiting for calls. Of those 150 completed screenings, 108 were deemed ineligible based on the eligibility requirements.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Safe Parking Program.

Approval of the FY26 First Quarter funding Reallocation

Motion: To approve staff recommendations

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Old Business:

HCoC Vacancies update:

VA Representative- Potential candidate

Committee Updates:

Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps

Chair Sandra Einhorn acknowledged and thanked staff for going above and beyond during the 11-day cold weather event. Sandra Einhorn mentioned that there was a lengthy discussion at PONG regarding the Safe Parking Program.

Housing Action Committee (HAC)

The Committee is discussing the 2026 Landlord Breakfast.

Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)

Reniese McNeal thanked the HOSS-D staff for their collaboration with the Committee on the 10th Annual Homeless Symposium. Reniese McNeal stated that this event was a great success, with many individuals experiencing homelessness in attendance.

Homeless Youth & Families Committee

Mr. Wendell Johnson shared the student 2026 data.

Homeless Providers, Stakeholders Council

TaskForce presented data.

Public Comment: NONE

Good of the Order: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.