



**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  
January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
<b>Senator Nan Rich Board Chair</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Reniese McNeal</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mikal Cartier</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Silvia Quintana</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Amanda Bartle</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Officer Chung</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tom Ruthardt- Ex- officio</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Pam Beasley-Pitman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Keith Cavanaugh – Ex-officio</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Larry Rein</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Donovan</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Robin Martin</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Sandra Einhorn</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Howard Bakalar</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tiffany Garcia</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Michael Baldwin</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Juan Saavedra</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Melida Akiti</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Commissioner Adam Gruber</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Emmittcia Jones</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Maria Hernandez</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Marisa Sotelo</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Dionne Blackwood</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Joseph Kenner</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Angela Chin</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Taneshia Taylor</b>	<b>X</b>		


**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 December meeting minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the December meeting minutes

**Declaration of Conflict:** NONE

**MOTION PASSED**

**Chair Report**

Senator Rich commended and thanked Patrice Paldino and HOSS-D staff for their work during the cold weather event. Senator Rich informed the Board that the county has mobilized shelters and had many volunteers working at the Salvation Army, where cold-weather essentials were distributed. Senator Rich informed the Board that the highest number of individuals sheltered in a night was 124.

**New Business**

- **Hospital Discharge Bill:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that she, along with others, worked with Senator Rosenwald, and that the Bill, referred to as the Bridging the Systems to Housing Act, is intended to better streamline hospital discharges. Patrice Paldino stated that she and Senator Rich made some changes to outline a discharge procedure and to create an electronic system for communication between hospitals and providers. Patrice Paldino mentioned that the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) would be a good resource for hospitals to utilize and encouraged some changes to the legislation that would allow hospitals to work with the system. Patrice Paldino will send the draft Bill to the Board.

- **NOFO:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the last order from the judge is to have HUD maintain the status quo to assess renewal applications only, and that there are motions for summary judgment that are pending. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HUD has requested that a letter be submitted for the renewal of 18 projects and signed by Senator Rich.

**Motion:** To approve the Intent to Renew CoC NOFO Projects letter signed by Senator Rich

1<sup>st</sup>: Reniese McNeal

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mikal Cartier

**Declaration of Conflict:** NONE

**MOTION PASSED**

- **February 2026 Symposium:**

Patrice Paldino reminded the CoC funded providers to reserve a table for the Symposium if they have not done so already.

- **Cold Weather update:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that a cold front prompted the shelters to open from Thursday to Sunday night. Patrice Paldino stated that at the peak, 124 individuals were sheltered.

**Data:**

- **Numbers in the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that there was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic at the Performance Outcomes Needs and Gaps (PONG) Committee, and concerns about how many individuals will be affected if the Administration reduces PSH funding from 87% to 30%. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that there are currently 805 individuals in the program and that 609 of those individuals have identified as having a disabling condition. The remaining 196 individuals do not have a disabling condition but live with those who do. Patrice Paldino stated that those 805 individuals are potentially at risk of losing their housing.

**Old Business:**

**HCoC Vacancies update:**

VA Representative- Potential candidate

**Committee Updates:**

**Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps**

No update

**Housing Action Committee (HAC)**

No update

**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 12:36 p.m.**

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