



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
September 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

| Board of Directors | Present | Excused | Absent | Board of Directors | Present | Excused | Absent |
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| 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 | |

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| Joseph Kenner | X | | | | | | |
| Taneshia Taylor | X | | | | | | |

Call to Order and Quorum

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

Roll Call

Patrice Paldino called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of August meeting minutes- Tabled

Chair Report

Senator Rich reported that the County Commission approved its annual budget.

She addressed concerns about the County’s General Fund Budget, stressing the risks of eliminating ad valorem taxes as proposed by the Governor. Only 25% of property tax bills go to the County. The remaining portion of tax revenues after that are distributed to the School Board, which receives 32%. Municipal services receive 26%. 4% is distributed to public hospitals, with the remaining 13% allocated to wastewater and other special districts.

Of the County’s share of the budget, half goes to the Broward Sheriff’s Office and law enforcement and fire services. The other half supports services such as libraries, parks, animal care, and much more. She urged members to advocate against reducing or eliminating the ad valorem tax.

Senator Rich commented on the state’s efforts to roll back vaccination requirements, noting the dangers for children, seniors, the immunosuppressed, and the broader community. She emphasized that the County has included strong language urging legislators to preserve current vaccination statutes.

Senator Rich informed the Board that she has asked Patrice Paldino to give a presentation on Homelessness to the County Commission.

HOSS-D Updates:

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the CoC website has been updated with meeting agendas and minutes.

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the data from the PIT Count had such a decline in one area due to the fact that the area is a county regional facility which was the airport and should have been labeled as such.

Patrice Paldino stated that there was a question asked at the August HCoC meeting regarding families and where they are sleeping. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that HOSS-D does not currently have that data, but the HMIS team is working on adding questions to 311 and intake. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that data from the airport will also be added such as the terminals that individuals are being found at and what time of day.

New Business

- **CoC Builds:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board the CoC Builds grant was reissued and that the Aids Health Foundation resubmitted their application.

- **Homeless website:**

Nichole Francis with HOSS-D gave a demonstration on the Broward.org/homeless website. The Board suggested making Broward's Response To Homelessness bigger and the Welcome to HOSS-D smaller on the website.

- **Measuring Effectiveness:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that this document was created in response to the DOGE visit and that one of the topics listed to review was the effectiveness of Broward County's homeless program. Patrice Paldino stated that the document provided data points that are typically relied on by the community and with HUD to determine how effective the county programs are.

- **TaskForce data:**

Mikal Cartier with the TaskForce For Ending Homelessness gave a presentation on data.

- **Third Quarter Data:**

Patrice Paldino presented Third Quarter Data to the Board. The Board received the information via e-mail and printout.

- **Safe Parking RFP:**

Motion: To approve Hope South Florida and the Safe Parking Pilot Program

Declaration of Conflict: Joseph Kenner

MOTION PASSED

Written Standards:

Motion: To approve the revised Written Standards

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

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 12:48 p.m.

Next HCoC Meeting- TBD