

## ANNUAL CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2021  
10:00 am, Online (via Zoom)

**Facilitator:** Kimberly Mitchell, Governing Council Chair

**Minutes:** Dustin Kane, CAFTH

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Kimberly Mitchell.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the last MSCHC Quarterly Consortium meeting in March 2021 were reviewed. With a motion from Ceaira Brunson and a second from Mary Hamlett the minutes were approved as presented.

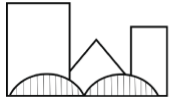
### **Presentation: Consortium Year in Review**

Kimberly Mitchell presented on some of the accomplishments of the Homeless Consortium in the past year, including:

- Over 60 virtual committee meetings with over 900 attendees
- Successfully completed the Point-in-Time Count
- Over 250 attendees were trained in various topics including Housing First, Harm Reduction, Trauma Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, LGBTQ+ Inclusion, and Fair Housing
- 918 families and individuals were assessed and connected to services and housing over the past year
- Over 160 individuals and families permanently housed despite a tightening rental market thanks to the hard work of our outreach and housing partners
- 206 clients currently being served in street outreach programs (13 exiting to permanent housing destinations in the past month)
- 451 clients currently being served in rapid rehousing programs (139 exiting to permanent housing destinations in the past month)
- 1,075 clients currently being served in permanent supportive housing programs
- COVID-19 response continues to be a true community-wide effort because of our partners
- New and renewed partnerships with agencies and service providers will strengthen our system

Kimberly Mitchell opened the floor and asked agency's to share their biggest accomplishments over the past year:

- MIFA - Mary Hamlett shared that MIFA was able to add new contracted housing inspectors during COVID-19, received extra dollars from the City and CAFTH to expand shelter services, hired a new Director of Housing, and built a recent partnership with RITI.
- FFL - Mia Cotton said that FFL is getting ready to re-open in person services next month. A big project that was accomplished during COVID was the transfer of 4,000 paper files into



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electronic formats. FFL also started using a new client management system, and had to adapt the way they operate their food pantry (mobile food distribution).

- CCWTN - Dana Brooks explained that over 50,000 people per year are in need of Emergency Services with CCWTN, and the multi-agency response to the challenges this year has been great.
- YWCA - Shirley McClain said that their emergency shelter has not stopped and the continued support has been amazing.
- RITI - Donna Blackard and Errin explained how RITI has built great relationships with hospitals in the community. RITI is focused on viewing homelessness through a medical lens, and acts as advocates for those who do not have insurance but need the care.

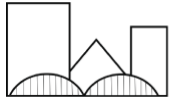
Kimberly Mitchell also recognized outgoing Governing Council members and Committee Chairs: Shannon Mason – Legal Representative, Porsha Goodman - CoC Planning Chair, and Herman Dickey - Employment Chair.

### **Committee Reports**

- CoC Planning Committee: Porsha Goodman reported on the work of the committee in the past year, including training and other topics presented. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20 at 10 am.
- Families & Youth Committee: (Absent) The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 at 1 pm.
- Employment Committee: Herman Dickey reported that the Employment Committee has provided income growth opportunities and held roundtable discussions about what is working and what is not. The four main focuses of this year included how to overcome transportation barriers (ride sharing, HUD recommendations), client motivation, criminal backgrounds/drug testing (finding friendly/flexible employers), and expanded job opportunities (openings outside of fast food and warehouse workers).
- HMIS Committee: (Absent) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9 at 11 am.
- Veterans Committee: (Absent) The Veterans By-Name List is continuing to operate with weekly check-in meetings with veteran service providers.

### **Presentation of the Excellence Awards**

The Consortium's Annual Excellence Awards were presented to the following:



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- **Grit & Grind Award (Frontline Employee of the Year):** Toriella Jackson, CCWTN
- **June Averyt Award (Supervisor/Director of the Year):** Shalonda Adams-Young, DOH
- **Landlord of the Year:** James Bailey, LECO Realty
- **Employer of the Year:** TJ Maxx
- **Mary-Knox Lanier Award for Personal Achievement:** Brittany Diaz, Thistle and Bee Enterprises Inc.
- **COVID-19 Hero Award:** Room in the Inn, Lisa Anderson and Donna Blackard

### **2021 – 2022 Consortium Membership Information**

Grant Ebbesmeyer reminded everyone that the new Consortium term will begin on July 1, and the process will be entirely online this year. More information will be available on the CAFTH website at [www.cafth.org/homeless-consortium](http://www.cafth.org/homeless-consortium).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am with no further discussion.