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Greetings!

We hope many of you can join us on **Wednesday, March 8th** for a **Continuum of Care meeting** at New College of Florida (see details below). A primary agenda topic for this meeting will be for coordinated assessment/data entry needs going forward. We appreciate your valuable input with your participation!

The month ahead plans to be a busy one here at the Suncoast Partnership, as our staff and partners compile and analyze **2017 Point-in-Time Census results**, and update the region's **Homeless Housing Inventory Chart**. Once these reports have been submitted to the State and to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, the full Community Report will be compiled and published, most likely by early April.

Next Continuum of Care Meeting

Meeting Details

What: Continuum of Care Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 8 / Time 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: **New College of Florida, Sudakoff Center**

Who: You!

[Click here to see a detailed New College Campus Map.](#)

Please let us know if you have agenda items for this meeting by contacting Jackie@SuncoastPartnership.org several days in advance. If you were unable to attend the last meeting, please click below for the latest minutes.

[CoC Meeting & PIT Training / January 4th](#)

To view our 2017 CoC meeting schedule for the year, please click below:

[2017 CoC Schedule](#)

CoC Membership Encouraged!

If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a voting Member of our Continuum of Care! This effort makes us stronger together as we continue our work assisting those most vulnerable in our population. Links to the application and benefits are below, membership runs from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

[2016/17 CoC Membership Application](#)
[Membership Benefits](#)

SAVE THE DATES! **Networking and Learning Opportunities**



Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Conference/Oct. 3 & 4th

to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL, with room rate of \$135. [Visit the Rosen Plaza website here.](#) As details for registration and hotel accommodations become available, we will provide you with the update.

Florida Institute on Homelessness & Supportive Housing

2017 Annual Institute, November 1-3, 2017

The Florida Coalition for the Homeless, in partnership with the State Office on Homelessness, invites you to attend, sponsor, exhibit, and/or advertise at the 2017 Florida Institute on Homelessness & Supportive Housing with this year's theme ***"Breakthrough to Excellence: Building Bridges to the Future."***

The 16th Annual Institute will be hosted on November 1-3, 2017 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida. Rooms are available now for a special conference rate of \$149 per night.

They are developing exciting tracks based on your input last year and through our statewide Summits, such as:

- * A dedicated Veteran's track in partnership with the VA
- * A Managing Entity track in partnership with DCF
- * A Homeless Education track in partnership with the DOE
- * Look for topics focused on Service Delivery, Best Practices, Continuum of Care, Case Management, and more!

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more detailed information. Registration will open soon!

Conference Hotel and Location

Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821 / Group Rate: \$149

[Make Your Hotel Reservation Online here.](#)

Further conference information with registration, agenda and schedule to be available by Spring. For any questions, please contact AK Consulting Group at ph. (850) 523-4200.



In the Spotlight

2017 Legislative Priorities

Florida Supportive Housing Coalition recently shared their Coalition 2017 Legislative Priorities, as a printed document below:

KEEP AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Request:

Support full funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Funds to provide housing affordable to low-income households, including persons experiencing homelessness, persons with a disability, elders and workforce housing.

If trust fund resources must be diverted, "hold harmless" the portion of the State Housing Trust Funds that will support housing for Florida's most vulnerable citizens - those experiencing homelessness and special needs households - \$21,048,000.

SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REQUESTS THAT FUND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Request:

Support funding for programs that include supportive housing services for persons who are high utilizers of public resources such as emergency rooms, jails, emergency crisis psychiatric services, and institutions.

The following statewide and community wide programs in the DCF and Governor's Budget Requests include supportive housing as a major component:

- * Managing Entity Care Coordination and Housing Initiatives (\$3.3 m in non-recurring GR)
- * Expansion of Community Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams and Housing Support (\$6.6 m in recurring GR)
- * Governor's Executive Order Proposals :
 - Alachua County: Housing with Support Services (\$750,000 in recurring GR)
 - Broward County: Services For High-Risk Youth, Families And Adults (\$500,000 in non-recurring GR)
 - Pinellas County: Re-Entry Transitional Housing, Job Training and Behavioral Health (\$1.5 m in budget authority)

These programs recognize the important role stable supportive housing plays in decreasing public services costs of individuals who have special needs or who are chronically homeless. Research indicates lack/loss of housing is the best predictor of psychiatric decompensation and recidivism for persons with severe behavioral health problems.

FACTS: The Cost Savings generated to public systems:

- a. Odds of being convicted of a crime drops from 48% to 14% after entering supportive housing;
- b. Emergency room visits decrease between 24% to 34%;
- c. Inpatient hospital admission and days decrease from 27% to 29%;
- d. Detox and psychiatric inpatient admissions decrease by 87% fewer days in; and
- e. Medicaid costs decrease by 41% to 67%.

The Return on Investment for serving high-risk individuals can be significant:

\$31,000: National Data Indicator to serve high-risk population annually

\$15,000: Average annual cost (using Housing with Support Services Approach)

\$16,000: Difference.

When talking with legislators and other supportive housing advocacy groups, please help educate them regarding the value of permanent supportive housing and housing services for individuals with special needs. Your voice may help make a difference!

Ways to Engage

There are a number of groups that regularly meet that share in our agency's mission to end and prevent homelessness. These meetings are open to the public and no R.S.V.P. is required. Come and participate as your schedule allows!



Community Alliance of Sarasota County has a Homeless Committee, being chaired by Paul Sutton. The purpose of this group is to facilitate and coordinate workable solutions around preventing and ending homelessness. Everyone is encouraged to attend their next meeting for PIT Training scheduled **Thursday, April 20th at 10 a.m. at The Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall located at 1701 South Tuttle Ave in Sarasota.**

P.A.T.H. meetings (People Assisting the Homeless) are held for the Manatee County homeless coalition by Turning Points. Meetings are the **third Thursday of each month** at The United Way building, 1701 Tamiami Trail in Bradenton from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Next meeting will be March 16th.**

Sarasota's Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) Homeless Strike Team has modified their meeting schedule for 2016. All meetings begin at 3:00 p.m. and are held in Room 2063, William L. Little Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota. Participants may also join via Skype.

Next meeting to be determined.

Events this Month

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. has several sponsored events this month and next in support of various program needs. [Please click here to view full schedule and purchase tickets.](#)



Free Preventative Screening
Mammograms for Women Under 50

We Care Manatee, Inc. is offering FREE preventative screening mammograms to eligible: low income, uninsured, women under 50, who live in Manatee County for a limited time only at Red Barn Flea Market on Saturday, March 11th. To confirm eligibility and schedule an appointment, please call ph. 755-3952 ext. 3. To view a flyer for posting, please click links below (both English and Spanish) to share with your clients.

[Free Mammogram in English](#) [Free Mammogram in Spanish](#)

The Glitz at the Ritz-Carlton: The Shoenbaum Humanitarian Award Luncheon, with 2017 Honoree Ms. Gerri Aaron

The Salvation Army, Sarasota Area Command will host this special event on Thursday, March 16th. For tickets or sponsorship information, please call Glenda Leonard at ph. 552-5177.

Save the Date!

The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center will honor their tenant partner agencies (of which Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is proud to be included as an agency on campus) on Thursday, May 11th with a 27th Year Collaboration Celebration Luncheon at Selby Gardens Great Room by the Bay. To purchase tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please call 365-4545 or email: Khodgens@qs-humanservices.org.

Mobile Health Services Offered at Several County sites in March

Sarasota County Health Department's Health in Motion, Mobile Medical Unit staff to provide free and low-cost health services at several sites around the county in March.



Services to include:

- Diabetes Education and Screening
- Blood Pressure Tests
- Pregnancy Testing
- No cost HIV & Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing
- Body Mass Index Measurement
- Health Education
- Tobacco cessation referrals to any of the three no-cost options offered by Tobacco Fee Florida's '3 Ways to Quit'
- Adult immunizations including flu shots

No appointment is needed. Some services are free, including HIV-rapid testing with results in 20 minutes. Other services are provided on a sliding-fee scale based on income. The staff also assists individuals who lack medical insurance and do not have a health care provider to find a medical home for ongoing health care. There is a fee associated with some services; however, several tests and vaccines are available at no-cost to adults who qualify.

A registered nurse is available at all sites. While these services are most often provided in a 40-foot-long bus, there are times when services are provided inside the facilities visited.

[Click to view a bi-lingual schedule of dates and locations for the mobile unit.](#)

Thank you for all you do!

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