

HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
MINUTES – April 2009 Continuum of Care Meeting

Bakari Burns, Chairman of the Board, welcomed 60 attendees to the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions and announcements were made.

Workshop:

The meeting consisted of a presentation and round table discussion. Topics included

HOUSING FIRST AS A MODEL:

What does this approach mean to our Continuum of Care?

How might the practices of CoC agencies change with this new viewpoint?

What kind of tools and processes are needed to implement this change?

Cathy Jackson provided hard copy of an extensive Powerpoint Presentation delivered at the National Alliance to End Homelessness in February 2009 at a national roundtable discussion on the topics.

The group reviewed the issues presented by the Powerpoint and a lively discussion then occurred.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY – WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

The group reviewed HSN's new Self-Sufficiency Matrix, which is the recommended model on which HUD is basing its 2009 SHP prevention and rapid rehousing funding. The group reviewed the 17 attributes of self-sufficiency and there many questions and an active dialogue about the ways this approach to client intake and assessment, as well as case management would change existing practices within the Continuum of Care.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.