

PALM BEACH COUNTY
RAPID
RE-HOUSING

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- ◉ Geographically fifth largest County east of the Mississippi
- ◉ Eastern Palm Beach (millionaires) to Western (agricultural)
- ◉ CoC Lead & HMIS Lead
- ◉ PBC Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness
- ◉ 2015 PIT -1421 sheltered & unsheltered
- ◉ 2015 CoC Funds - \$5,391,742 (91% PSH & 6%RRH)
- ◉ SSVF -\$810,333
- ◉ \$3,090,075- allocated to homeless services

STRATEGIC PLANNING

10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

- ◉ Limited to no communication among Funders & funding was distributed as silos
- ◉ Public homeless funds were managed by 3 County Departments who didn't communicate or coordinate
- ◉ Funders coordinated funding priorities, activities & standard performance measures
- ◉ Homeless Advisory Board was formed with high level stakeholders who served to politically affect change
- ◉ Developed an avenue to raise private funding
- ◉ Administration of homeless funds under one department

RAPID RE-HOUSING

- ⦿ Applied for the SHP RRH Demonstration Grant but not awarded
- ⦿ HPRP - \$2.8 million
- ⦿ \$1.9 million for RRH
- ⦿ Committed to RRH model

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

- ◉ Historically, ESG was awarded for any eligible activity & to any agency responding to the RFP
- ◉ FY'13, administration of the funds was transferred to the Human Service in 13 contracts (\$93,777)
- ◉ CoC set funding priorities & established an application threshold in order to receive fund
- ◉ FY'14 - 9 Contracts (RRH-\$71,695)
- ◉ FY' 15 -7 contracts (RRH- \$81,571)
- ◉ FY'16 -5 contracts (ES & RRH -\$173,488)

HOME FUNDS

- ◉ CoC identified public funds to use like HPRP
- ◉ Determined HOME funds supported TBRA (24 mon)
- ◉ 2012-2014, CoC Executive Committee & CoC Members attended BCC meetings & advocated HOME funds be designated for TBRA instead of mortgages
- ◉ FY 14-15, BCC designated \$250,000 to serve homeless families at the HRC with the high RRH SPDAT scores. Serving 11 families with a SPDAT score of 48-53
- ◉ FY 15-16, BCC designated \$945,000 for RRH

HOMELESS COALITION

- ◉ 2012, BCC entered into an MOA with the HC & funded a designated County employee as the ED
- ◉ Established the Homeless Coalition as the fund raiser for the CoC
- ◉ HC committed funds raised would support RRH
- ◉ Began as multiple events i.e. luncheon, golf tournament, Walk a thon (\$45,000 -2012 & \$110,000 - 2013)
- ◉ 2014, Chair of the HAB who as County Commissioner was to serve as Mayor requested the HC plan a Mayor's Ball with the proceeds to support RRH
- ◉ Since 2014, the HC has raised over \$750,000 for RRH

COORDINATION WITH ENTITLEMENT CITIES

- ◉ 2013 CoC engaged the five entitlement areas receiving ESG funds to consider coordinating with the CoC
- ◉ In 2014, three of the five began participating in CoC Meetings and Sub-Committee meetings
- ◉ Three of the five began utilizing the HMIS system
- ◉ In 2015, two of the five adopted the CoC's RRH standards and allocated their ESG funds for RRH
- ◉ Utilizing the Coordinated Entry System, navigators establish where the clients were homeless & then a soft transfer is completed for RRH

LESSONS LEARNED

- ⦿ Take time for Strategic Planning
- ⦿ Commit & Persevere
- ⦿ Pay attention to the funders cues
- ⦿ Embrace the golden rule “He who holds the gold rules”
- ⦿ Change the mantra from “this is how it has always been done” & think outside the box

QUESTIONS

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