



## **Continuum of Care General Members Meeting**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

Kevin Stiff, CoC Leadership Council Chair

Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer Suncoast Partnership

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- I. **Welcome**
  - II. **Introductions**
    - Please fill out the digital sign-in sheet
  - III. **Approval of August 19, 2020 Minutes**
  - IV. **Agency Spotlight**

Mental Health Centers - Maureen Glendenning
  - V. **Resource Spotlights**
    - a. Miracle Messages - Mark Askins
    - b. Suncoast Center for Independent Living - Harvey Brooks
    - c. Cope Notes - Johnny Crowder
  - VI. **Funding Updates** – Suncoast Partnership
  - VII. **Five Minutes For Forward Focus (5 minutes)** – CEO, Suncoast Partnership
  - VIII. **General Announcements and Public Comments**
  - IX. **Adjourn**

### ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

#### ***CoC Leadership Council Meeting***

Thursday, November 12, 2020 (3:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

TBD

#### ***Continuum of Care Meeting***

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

TBD

Go to [suncoastpartnership.org](https://suncoastpartnership.org) for meeting schedules



## **Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2020**

**Hosted via: Zoom teleconference**

**Attendees:** Janet Carrillo, City of North Port Social Service Division; Andy Guyre, Turning Points; Mark Askins, Miracle Messages; Brittany Elkins, Centerstone; Sara Gassaway, Sarasota County Public Libraries -- Selby Public Library; Antonia Quiros, Goodwill Manasota; Pam Fields, Legal Aid of Manasota; Andrew Brady, The Salvation Army Sarasota; Gabriela Cordell, Miracle Messages; Gina Dressler, NaphCare, Inc.; Jeff Bowman, Manatee County; Renese Remy, Manatee County Government; Todd Markel, The Salvation Army Manatee; Maureen Glendenning, Mental Health Community Centers Inc.; Nikki Secord, Manatee County Government; Lee Washington, Manatee county Veterans Services; Jennifer Fagenbaum, Family Promise of South Sarasota County; Lue Richardson, Department of Veteran Affairs; Jennifer Yost, Manatee County Government; Sara Olesen, Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County; Adriana Wagner, Naphcare, Inc.; Lissette Fernandez, School District of Manatee; Madeline Connolly, Miracle Messages; Richard McDaniel, JFCS of the Suncoast; Julia Showers, The Salvation Army Manatee; GraceAnn Zastrow, Operation PAR MAPS, Sarasota; Myra Fiory, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network; Dwight English, Sarasota Vet Center; Dawn Bryant, Hope Family Services; Bill Carter, First Step of Sarasota; Marcella Levin, Advocate; Arthur Levin, Advocate; Kelly Garrett, Family Promise of South Sarasota County; Sandi Rowland, Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice; Charlie Thorpe, Venice PD; Jessica Hays, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc (SPARCC); Nancy DeLoach, Sarasota County; Angela J Murray, MA, Safe Children Coalition; Mike Day, Department of Children and Families; Michael Richker, GRASP; Kayden Taylor, CAN Community Health; Jessie Schmeltz, Project HEART.

**Suncoast Partnership Staff:** Amiee Barth, Brandon Bellows, Nicole Bonito, Tara Booker, Lauren Davis, Amanda Erickson, Shellie Hummel, Chris Johnson, Devon Jarret, Taylor Neighbors, Laura Williams

### **I. Welcome**

### **II. Introductions**

Chris Johnson welcomed attendees to the virtual CoC Meeting and requested attendees sign the virtual sign-in sheet provided in the chatbox.

### **III. Approval of August 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The August 19, 2020 meeting minutes were sent out electronically prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes, with a second and no discussion the August 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### IV. Agency Spotlight

Maureen Glendenning of the Mental Health Community Centers Inc. provided information regarding the services provided and referral process for the agency. Maureen informed the attendees the efforts of promoting mental wellness through peer assisted liaisons, group meetings, and wellness centers.

For additional information attendees were requested to utilize their website at <https://mhcci.com/>

#### V. Resource Spotlights

**Miracle Messages:** Mark Askins, Gabriela Cordell, and Madeline Connolly presented information regarding their nonprofit Miracle Messages. The nonprofit organization assist the homeless in rebuilding their social supports by reconnecting them with friends and relatives. Nationally, Miracle Messages has reunited over 400 unhoused neighbors with family members and loved ones and have a goal of bringing the nonprofit's services to the Sarasota-Manatee area.

For more information on how to access Miracle Messages services, go to <https://www.miraclemessages.org/> or for immediate assistance call 1-800-MISS-YOU.

**Cope Notes:** Johnny Crowder presented information regarding his company Cope Notes. Cope Notes uses daily text messages that combine peer support and positive psychology to help improve mental and emotional health. Cope Notes are sent via text message and utilize strategies such as peer support, positive psychology, brain training, and digital journaling to promote healthy brain training by interrupting negative thought patterns with positive stimulus at randomized times throughout the day. Cope Notes are provided on a subscription basis for individuals, families, and groups.

For more information on Cope Notes [www.copenotes.com](http://www.copenotes.com) or email [info@copenotes.com](mailto:info@copenotes.com).

#### VI. Funding Updates

Due to time constraints funding updates were not provided.

#### VII. Five Minutes for Forward Focus

Due to time constraints five minutes for forward focus was not provided.

#### VIII. General Announcements and Public Comments

There were no general announcements or public comments.

#### IX. Adjourn

CoC General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.