

**CO-CHAIR AND ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY 11.05.2021 10:30-11:30 A.M.**

**ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM**

CONNIE BOOKMAN, ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, Pathways For Change

JOHN JOHNSON, ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, Opening Doors

CHANDRA SMILEY, CEO Community Health of NWF

MARCIE WHITAKER, Housing Director, City of Pensacola

ALLISON PATTON, Retired Attorney

LAURA GILLIAM, CEO United Way West FL

DR. IRV WILLIAMS, Lakeview Center

ASHLEY WILKINSON MEYER, United Ministries

MARCUS MCBRIDE, Career Source Escarosa

**LAURA GILLIAM**, discussed the conversation she had this week with Dr. Patty Babcock, task force advisory committee member. The task force has been operating within our seven subcommittees for the past six months and to harvest the information and ideas of these subcommittees, Patty would like to host a half-day retreat of all subcommittee co-chairs and possibly the advisory committee. The agenda would include defining the roles of task force members; a public relations campaign that would define “what is homelessness” and how the task force is addressing the complex issues with our system of care. There were no objections, only positive comments about this idea from the participating co-chairs. Connie will reach out to Patty to coordinate a time, agenda and venue. Connie also discussed Blair Castro of Shook, P.R. who is contracting with the task force. Connie will send Blair’s scope of work to the co-chairs along with the minutes from today’s meeting.

**CONNIE BOOKMAN**, shared her thoughts about the upcoming special workshop of the city council on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Connie will be available that evening to answer any questions from city council, about the recommendations given by the task force for ARPA funding. **DR. IRV WILLIAMS** asked about details for those who submitted proposals and Connie stated, from a conversation with city councilman, Jared Moore, that each nonprofit will have 3 minutes to give an overview of their proposal and answer any questions from the council.

**JOHN JOHNSON**, suggested, if the Board of County Commission asks for our assistance, as the city council did with processing and making recommendations for the ARPA funding, that we nominate only a few members of the task force to do so.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:40 a.m.