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Welcome!

The CoC Membership Meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

While waiting, please sign in and introduce yourself. Additionally, public comment cards are available next to the sign-in sheet.

If joining online, please introduce yourself in the chat.

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CoC Membership Meeting

April 9, 2024

Agenda

5:30pm: Welcome

• **5:35pm:** St. Petersburg Housing Authority

• **5:50pm:** State of Homelessness in Pinellas County

• 6:05pm: Continuum of Care (CoC) 101

• **6:20pm:** Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas

6:40pm: CoC in 2024 (breakout activity)

• 7:15pm: Public Comment

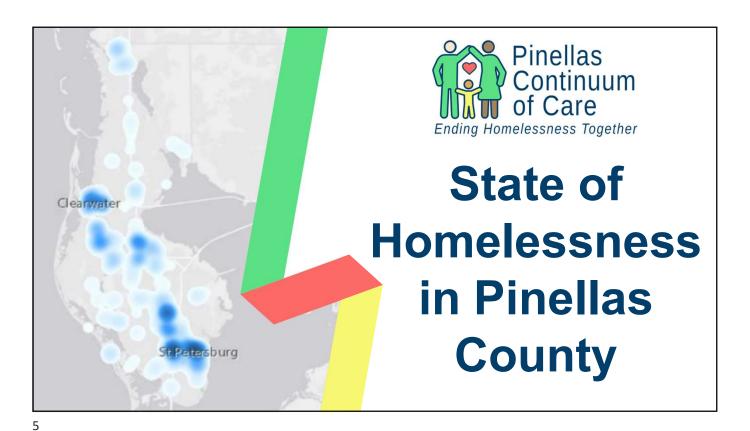
7:25pm: Closing and Adjournment





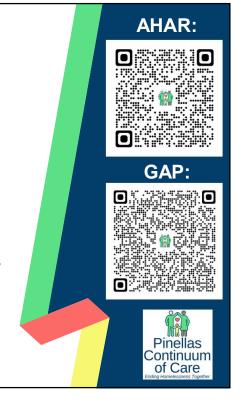
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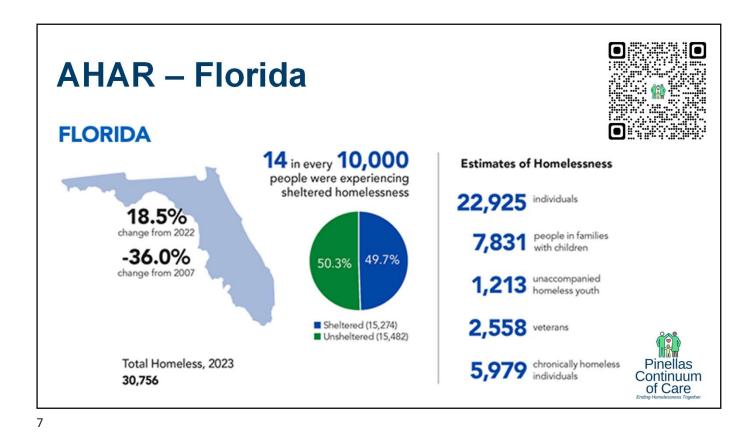


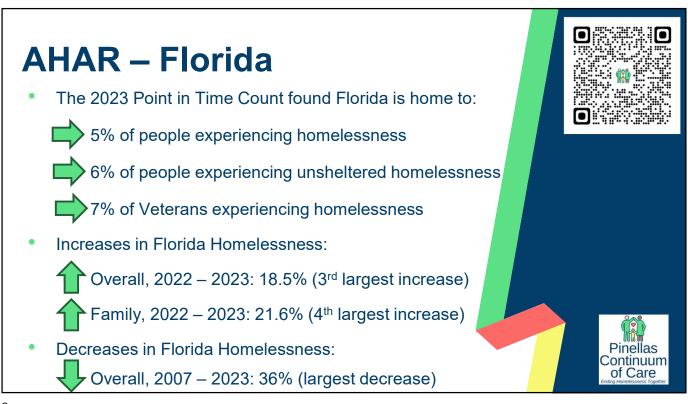


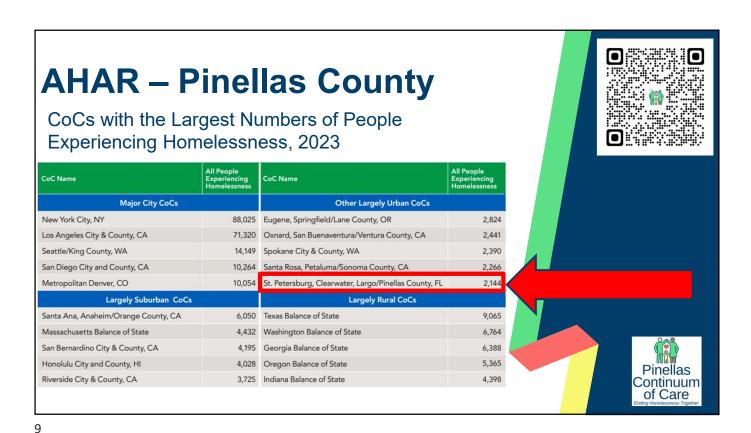
AHAR and Gap Reports

- HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR): Part 1 – 2023 PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S.
 - Analyses and compares data from Point in Time (PIT) Counts across the country
 - Identifies local and national trends
- National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)'s Gap Report
 - Breaks down the availability of affordable housing across the U.S., comparing housing costs with income

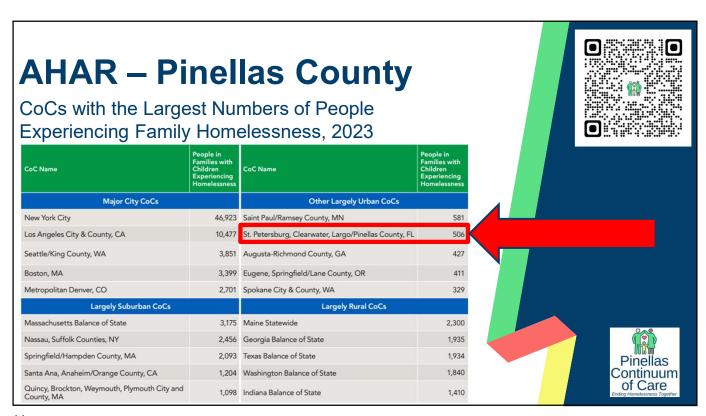


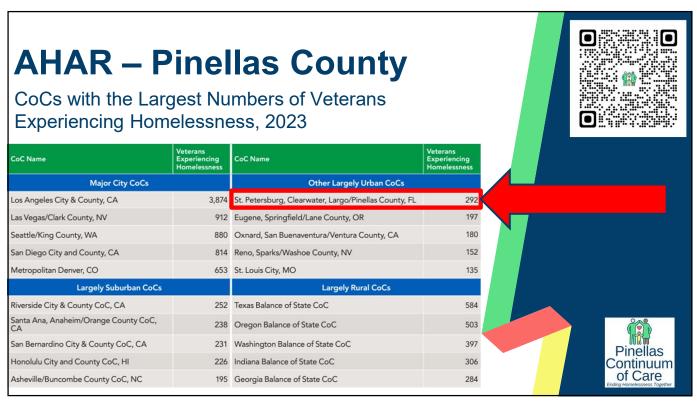


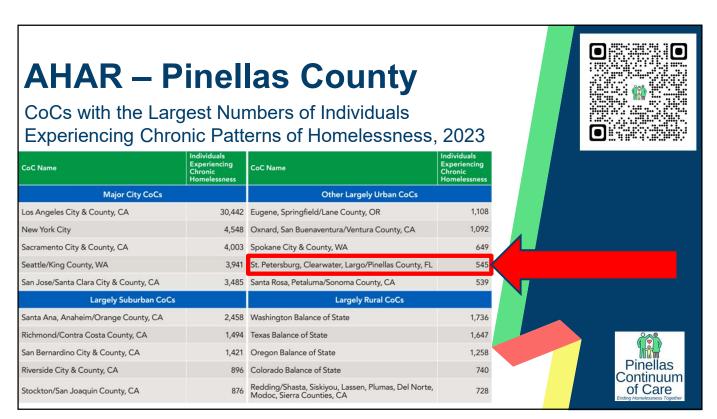


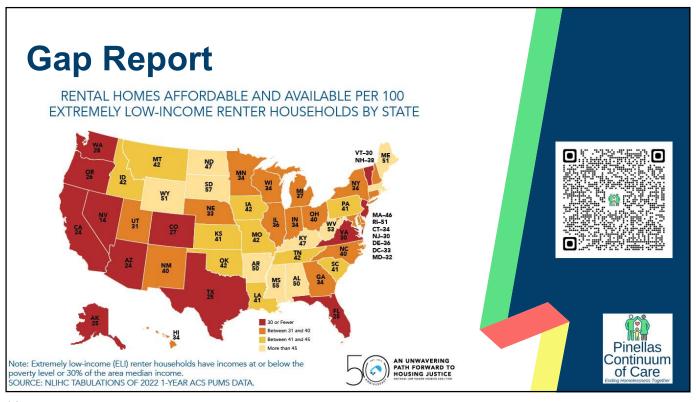


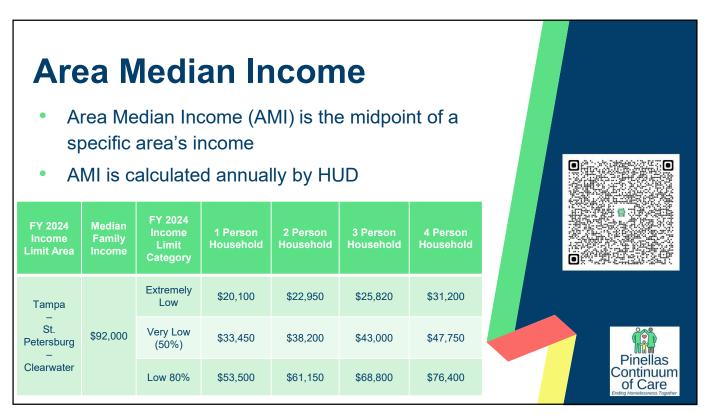
AHAR – Pinellas County CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, 2023 CoC Name CoC Name Major City CoCs Other Largely Urban CoCs Los Angeles City & County, CA 2,413 60,843 Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR New York City 41,102 Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA 2,222 Seattle/King County, WA Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA 2,063 Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA Spokane City & County, WA 2,061 San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL 1,638 Largely Suburban CoCs Largely Rural CoCs Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA 4,846 Texas Balance of State 7,131 San Bernardino City & County, CA Washington Balance of State 4,924 Riverside City & County, CA 4,453 Georgia Balance of State Honolulu City and County, HI Oregon Balance of State 4,270 Pinellas Continuum Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA 2,102 Indiana Balance of State 2,988 of Care

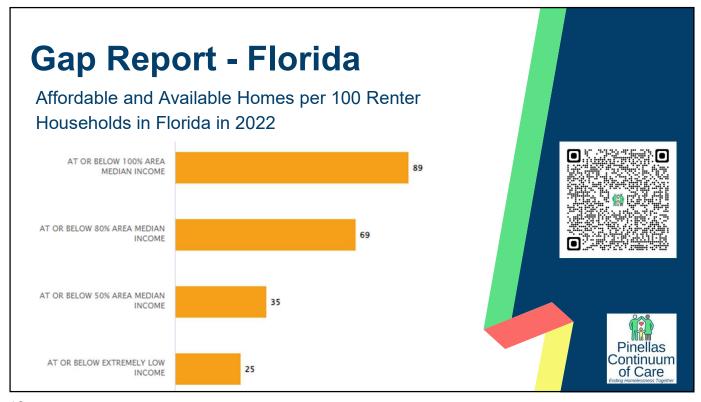


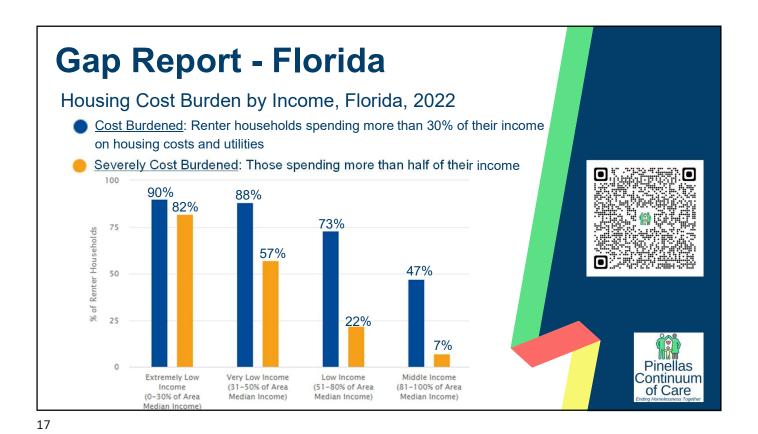












Gap Report – Tampa, St.

Petersburg, Clearwater, 2022

• 21 affordable and available rental units per 100 extremely low-income households

• 8th "most severe" metro area in the U.S.

• 91% of extremely-low-income households were cost burdened, and 83% were severely cost burdened

• 89% of households under 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) were cost burdened, and 50% were severely cost burdened

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Homelessness in Pinellas County, 2023 – 2024

- 2023 Pinellas PIT showed a minimum of:
 - 2,144 people experiencing homelessness
 - 646 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - 1,498 people experiencing sheltered homelessness
- There are 1,986 shelter beds in Pinellas County, including Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Safe Haven



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Homelessness in Pinellas County, 2023 – 2024

- Pinellas Coordinated Entry wait lists for unsheltered individuals, families, and Veterans awaiting Rapid Rehousing or Permanent Supportive Housing referrals as of April 1st:
 - 53 families
 - 207 individuals
 - 39 Veteran individuals
- Please note that some individuals and families are on wait lists not reflected above







National Legislation

- The Supreme Court of the United States will hear Johnson v. Grants Pass on April 22nd
- This case which started in Grants Pass, OR will decide if cities can punish people for sleeping outside with items such as blankets, even when there is no safer option available
- The HLA has signed onto a healthcare amicus brief, noting the negative impacts of ordinances such as these
- The case of Martin v. Boise previously stated that homeless persons cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property when no adequate alternatives are available







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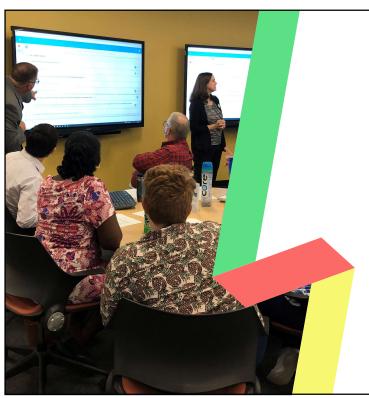
Florida Legislation

- Florida signed FL Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 1365 into law on March 20th; these will go into effect on October 1st and state:
 - Counties and municipalities cannot allow sleeping or camping on public property
 - Governments can create "safe sleeping" areas with various stipulations including:
 - Required DCF certification
 - Required security, running water, and bathrooms
 - Alcohol and drug-free
 - Not in-place for longer than 1 year
 - Will not negatively impact property values
 - Municipalities may be sued by residents and local businesses for noncompliance
- No state funding has yet been allocated for this mandate

Florida Coalition to End Homelessness Statement:









Continuum of Care (CoC)

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Continuums of Care

- Continuum of Care (CoC)s are mandated by HUD and designed to:
 - Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
 - Provide funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
 - Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
 - Optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness
 - Develop and implement a long-term plan to address homelessness, including housing and service gaps
 - Apply for HUD's annual CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



The Pinellas CoC

- In operation for nearly 40 years
- Vision: To make homelessness in Pinellas
 County rare, brief, and a one-time experience
- Mission: Coordinate community partners, systems, and resources to prevent, divert, and end homelessness in Pinellas County
- Uses a Coordinated Entry system to ensure equitable access to housing and services in Pinellas County
- Follows the Housing First approach



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Housing First

- Housing First:
 - Prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness
 - Is guided by the belief that all people are "housing ready" and need basic necessities before attending to less critical tasks
 - Is based on the understanding the client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service participation
- HUD rewards CoCs following this model
- Housing First training will take place in June 2024



CoC Membership

- The CoC is made up of members who share the goal of ending homelessness in Pinellas County
- CoC members include:
 - People with a lived experience of homelessness
 - People who live or work in Pinellas County and want to help end homelessness
 - Nonprofit and faith-based organizations who serve Pinellas County
 - Pinellas County and municipal government officials and entities
 - Pinellas County businesses





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CoC Membership

- Pinellas CoC members:
 - Elect and serve as CoC leadership
 - Share resources and information
 - Have access to an expanded pool of volunteers
 - Attend networking and training sessions
 - Receive funding and advocacy alerts
 - Serve on critical CoC boards, councils, and committees





Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Board of Directors

- Makes policy decisions on behalf of the CoC by:
 - Evaluating needs
 - Implementing strategic responses
 - Measuring results
- Members include elected and appointed leaders
- Meets in-person every other month

Veteran or Veteran Organization: Blossom Kapper, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System

Workforce Development / Transportation: Ross Silvers, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

- www.PinellasHomeless.org/board-of-directors
- Questions? Email <u>VKelly@HLAPinellas.org</u>





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Boards, Councils, and Committees: The 2024 Board of Directors Chair and Executive Committee Member: Kathleen Beckman Vice Chair and Executive Committee Member / City of St. Petersburg: Councilmember Deborah Figgs-Sanders Secretary and Executive Committee Member / Providers' Council Service Expert: April Lott. Directions for Living Providers' Council Chair and Executive Committee Member: Kevin Marrone, Boley Centers • At-Large and Executive Committee Member : Sean King, Habitat for Humanity • At-Large: Ann Marie Winter, Area Agency on Aging At-Large: Theresa Jones • Business: Esther Matthews, Supportive Equity Connections (SEC) of Tampa Bay • City of Clearwater: Chuck Lane, City of Clearwater • City of Largo: Commissioner Donna Holck, City of Largo • Faith-Based Organization: Samuel Picard, Missio Dei Community Healthcare / EMS / Fire: Camille Henry, HCA FL Northside Juvenile Welfare Board: Jeanine Evoli, Juvenile Welfare Board • Lived Experience: Gary Small, Lived Experience Advisory Committee Member • Lived Experience: Michael Chretien, Lived Experience Advisory Committee Co-Chair Local Housing Authority: Neil Brickfield, represented by Elise Minkoff, Pinellas County Housing Authority • Local Housing Authority: Danielle Thomas, St. Petersburg Housing Authority • Pinellas County Board of Commissioners: Commissioner René Flowers, Pinellas County • Pinellas County School Board: Caprice Edmonds, Pinellas County School Board Pinellas County Sheriff: Robert Gualtieri, represented by Lt. Zach Haisch Pinellas County Sheriff's Office • Providers' Council Service Expert: Lariana Forsythe, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) Providers' Council Service Expert: Michael Jalazo, People Empowering and Restoring Communities (PERC) Pinellas Public Defender: Sara Mollo, represented by Sara Madden, Public Defender's Office of the 6th Judicial Circuit Continuum

Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Executive Committee

- Supervises the affairs of the CoC's Board of Directors
- Makes recommendations to the Board as necessary
- Serves as the CoC's Review and Rank Committee and HMIS Governance Committee
- Members include the CoC Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary; Chairs of the Funder's and Providers' Council; and the immediate past chair
- www.PinellasHomeless.org/committees
- Questions? Email VKelly@HLAPinellas.org





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Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Funders' Council

- Advises the CoC Board on funding of homeless and at-risk services
- Coordinates local and community-wide planning
- Meets in-person twice and holds four joint meetings with the Providers' Council annually
- www.PinellasHomeless.org/councils
- Questions? Email LWojhan@HLAPinellas.org





Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Providers' Council

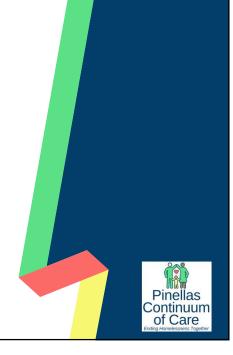
- Advises the CoC Board on services for Pinellas residents experiencing and at-risk of homelessness
- Highlights concerns and necessary actions
- Meets in-person twice and holds four joint meetings with the Funders' Council annually
- www.PinellasHomeless.org/councils
- Questions? Email <u>LCollazo@HLAPinellas.org</u>



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Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Advocacy Committee

- This committee is currently being formed. Please let the HLA or CoC leadership know if you would like to participate!
- Once created, this committee will:
 - Advocate on behalf of the CoC
 - Develop an annual advocacy agenda
 - Address advocacy issues as they arise
- Questions? Email <u>VKelly@HLAPinellas.org</u>



Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Data and System Performance Committee (DSP)

- Coordinates data from the Pinellas Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Reviews data and system performance measures
- Informs best practices
- Recommends funding priorities
- Meets in-person monthly
- Questions? Email LWojhan@HLAPinellas.org





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Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Diversity, Equity, and **Inclusion Committee**

- Provides insight into and develops strategies for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the CoC
- Meets in-person monthly
- Questions? Email TVLe@HLAPinellas.org







Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC)

- Advises CoC Board on services, programs, and the needs and concerns of individuals and families experiencing and at-risk of homelessness
- Members include individuals who have a personal experience with homelessness
- Meets in-person monthly
- www.PinellasHomeless.org/livedexperience
- Questions? Email <u>VKelly@HLAPinellas.org</u>



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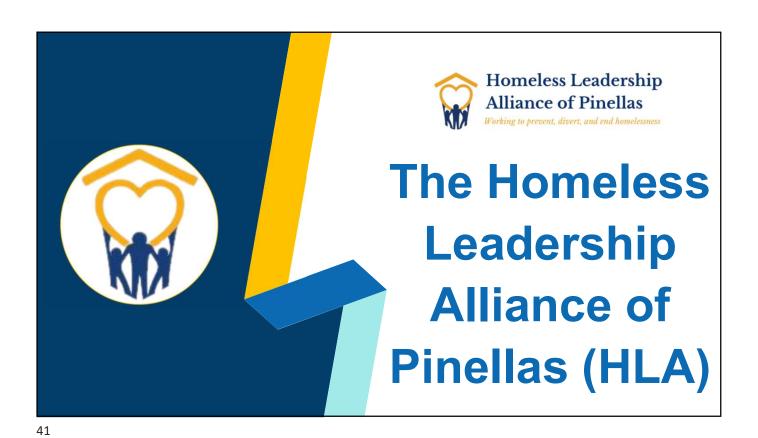
Boards, Councils, and Committees: The Point in Time (PIT) Planning Committee

- Advises CoC Board on services and programs, as well as the needs and concerns of individuals and families experiencing and at-risk of homelessness
- Members include individuals who have experienced homelessness within the last 7 years
- Meets in-person and on Zoom July February
- PIT Data: www.PinellasHomeless.org/pitdata
- Questions? Email <u>VKelly@HLAPinellas.org</u>











The HLA

- ► The Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas (HLA) is the CoC's:
 - Lead agency
 - Collaborative applicant
 - Homeless Management InformationSystem (HMIS) lead agency
- ► HLA also manages the Pinellas Coordinated Entry (CE) System



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Lead Agency

- ► The CoC and HLA have a Memorandum of Understanding "MOU" outlining roles and responsibilities
- ► The HLA is a registered 501(c)3
- ► HLA provides CoC meeting support, ensures compliance, and applies for CoC funding





Collaborative Applicant

- HLA applies for HUD funding through the annual **Homeless Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**
- Eligible projects include:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services







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HMIS Lead Agency

Fiscal Year 2023

- HLA serves as the Pinellas Homeless Management **Information System "HMIS" Lead Agency**
- HMIS is the local database used to collect information about clients and housing and services for individuals experiencing and at-risk of homelessness
- View HMIS's CoC System Dashboard at www.PinellasHomeless.org/coc-system-dashboard





Coordinated Entry

- Coordinated Entry is the standard access, assessment, and referral process for housing and other services across agencies in the Pinellas CoC
- Coordinated Entry is designed to ensure equitable service access, meaning those with the greatest need are served first
- Individuals and families receive services through Coordinated Entry Access Points, including:
 - **>** 211
 - Street Outreach
 - HLA's Request Help form



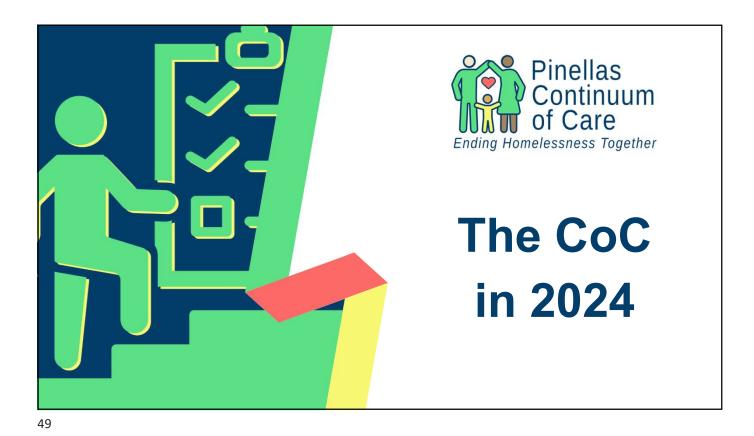


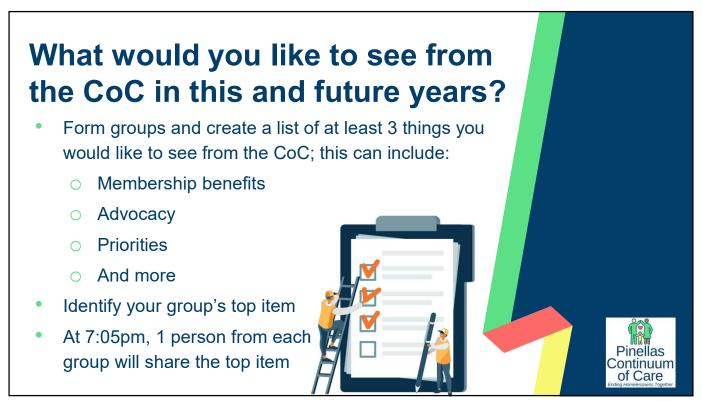
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Client Services

- HLA provides client services through:
 - Housing navigation
 - Rapid response community navigation
 - Rapid response prevention and diversion
 - Veteran services
 - Workforce development
- Request help from the HLA at www.PinellasHomeless.org/request-help











Public Comment

Individuals who completed a comment card will now be invited to speak.

If joining online, please share your comments in the chat.

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Future CoC Meetings

2024 CoC Membership Meetings

- Membership Meetings:
 - 5:30pm 7:30pm on Tuesday, Aug. 13th at the Pinellas County Housing Authority
 - 5:30pm 7:30pm on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, location TBD
- Information Sessions:
 - 5:30pm 7pm on Tuesdays May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 8th, Dec. 10th
 - www.bit.ly/CoCInfoSessions



