



Legislation Text

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

FROM: Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA, City Manager

TITLE: Memorandum of Agreement between the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and the City of North Port, Social Services Division, to coordinate services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Recommended Action

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, and the City of North Port, Social Services Division effective January 1, 2018, to coordinate services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Background Information

The City of North Port and the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, which serves as the FL 500-Sarasota/Manatee Continuum of Care (CoC) lead Agency, are collaborating to properly identify client's immediate needs and coordinate a comprehensive and efficient referral system. This coordinated assessment will allow agencies to assist clients experiencing homelessness and provide wrap around services from a single point of contact.

The Social Services Division will become an access point for North Port where clients will have the ability to be screened for all available services and referred to the appropriate agencies. Through this system, the agencies will then have three days to respond to the referral. It is anticipated that this new process will help to alleviate situations where clients are overlooked for assistance.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved for form and correctness by the City Attorney's Office.

Strategic Plan

Financially Responsible City Providing Quality Municipal Services

Financial Impact

The Continuum of Care (CoC) has identified the City of North Port Social Services Division as an access point. If participation is declined, the Division would not be eligible to apply for any future available federal funding through the CoC which would create a deficit in available programs and assistance for City of North Port clients.

Procurement

N/A

Attachments:

1. MOU between City of North Port and the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
2. Access Point Agreement

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