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SFRPC ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 31ST

Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services

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On May 31st, the SFRPC will host its annual regional conference at Nova Southeastern University's Davie Campus. Led by Senator René Garcia, Miami-Dade County Commissioner and SFRPC Second Vice Chair, this will be an important regional conversation with elected leaders, national and local experts, housing and mental health practitioners, and community stakeholders about potential approaches and solutions that can be deployed to create stable living and supportive environments for people struggling with mental illness.



We are pleased to welcome 25 subject matter experts to this Conference. Speakers include Senator Garcia, Chair Geller, Broward County Mayor Nan Rich, Florida Hospital Association President and CEO Mary Mayhew, Thriving Mind South Florida President and CEO John Newcomer, and The Coordinating Council of Broward Executive Director Sandra Veszi Einhorn.

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Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services

FRIDAY | MAY 31, 2024 | 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
THE CARL DESANTIS BUILDING ATRIUM
3300 SOUTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, DAVIE, FL 33328

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Registration & Networking

9:00 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Honorable René García, Second Vice Chair, SFRPC; Former State Senator, District 36; Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 13
The Honorable Steve Geller, Chair, SFRPC; Former State Senator, District 31; Broward County Commissioner, District 5
The Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor, Broward County; Former State Senator, District 34; Chair, Coordinating Council of Broward County; Chair, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

9:25 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

**Keynote: The Big Picture: The Most Important
Factors in Supporting Residents with Mental Illness**

*State of the state in mental health, housing, and homelessness
in facts and figures*

Mary C. Mayhew, President and CEO, Florida Hospital Association

10:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

**Success Stories: The Housing Toolkit in the
Continuum of Care**

*What works, and why, in housing with examples. What lessons can we
draw to make other projects succeed?*

Moderator: **John W. Newcomer, M.D.**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Thriving Mind South Florida

Amanda MacCormack, LMHC, Chief Program Officer, Broward Housing Solutions
Victoria Mallette, Executive Director, Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust
Rebecca McGuire, PhD, Housing Strategy and Innovation Officer, Housing Options Solutions and Supports, Broward County
The Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor, Broward County; Former State Senator, District 34; Chair, Coordinating Council of Broward County; Chair, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

10:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Break

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Moderated Panel Discussion: Housing and Financial Considerations

Finance for housing is an essential but limited resource in Florida. What are the outlines of the major issues of financing mental health related housing? What could be better?

Moderator: **Paul Imbrone**, Board Chairman, Thriving Mind South Florida; RentConnect Program Director

Bill Aldinger, Managing Director of Policy and Special Programs, Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Alex Ballina, Director, Public Housing and Community Development, Miami-Dade County

Stephanie Berman, CEO, Carrfour Housing

William King, Director of Housing and SOAR Entitlements, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

Katherine Martinez, Vice President of Programs, Camillus House

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch - Cafecito Chat: From Lived Experiences to Sustainable Solutions: Real Stories of Housing and Mental Health Support

This panel brings together individuals with lived experience of mental illness and housing instability. Panelists will share their personal stories, highlighting the challenges faced by individuals struggling to access and maintain safe and supportive housing while managing mental health conditions. This panel offers a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights from both personal experiences and expert perspectives, fostering a collaborative dialogue on building a more effective and comprehensive support system for individuals with mental illness.

Moderator: **The Honorable René García**, Second Vice Chair, SFRPC; Former State Senator, District 36; Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 13

Sandra McQueen-Baker, CEO, Fresh Start

Kristi Messer, DHSc, LCSW, MPH, Board President, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; Nova Southeastern University Assistant Dean of Bachelor Degree Programs; Director, Bachelor of Science in Public Health; Associate Professor

Derek S. Moore, LCSW, CRPS-A, Peer Services Manager, Thriving Mind South Florida

Susan Racher, Board Chair, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Miami-Dade County

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Moderated Panel Discussion: Local Success with Behavioral Health Implementation

Behavioral health spans more issues than housing, yet housing intersects many behavioral health problems. What are some of the broader implications of behavioral health and what can public and faith-based organizations do to ensure comprehensive care?

Overview of South Florida Solutions by: **John W. Newcomer**, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Thriving Mind South Florida

Moderator: **Sandra Veszi Einhorn**, Executive Director, The Coordinating Council of Broward

Maria Hernandez, LCSW, Community Impact Chief Program Officer, United Way Broward

Scott Hansel, CEO, Chapman Partnership

Rebecca McGuire, PhD, Housing Strategy and Innovation Officer, Housing Options Solutions and Supports, Broward County

Laura Naredo, Chief Operating Officer, Thriving Mind South Florida

Barry Reiman, Psy.D., Vice President, Recovery Unplugged Behavioral Health

2:30 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

Facilitated Discussion with Audience – Opportunities for Action

Facilitator: **Ronald L. Book**, Esq., Chairman, Miami-Dade Homeless Trust & Attorney, Ronald L. Book, PA

3:15 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Closing Remarks

The Honorable René García, Second Vice Chair, SFRPC; Former State Senator, District 36; Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 13

3:30 P.M.

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