



**AGENDA REPORT  
December 4, 2018**

**Citizen Request, Rev. J.B. Dennis re: Petition for County Homeless Shelter**

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**SUBJECT:**

Petition for County Homeless Shelter

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

Agenda Coordinator

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners vote yes to build a homeless shelter in Brevard County.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

The National Action Network as a nationwide organization on behalf of the homeless, recognizes the lack of housing is a significant crisis. Housing gives a person a safe place to sleep and is a foundation for life improvement. When basic needs are met people can engage in programs to improve their life.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ **Housing Memo**



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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item J.10., Citizen Request by Reverend J. B. Dennis for County Homeless Shelter

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 4, 2018, acknowledged citizen request by Reverend J. B. Dennis asking to build a homeless shelter in the County, but took no formal action.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: Housing and Human Services Director



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Inter-Office Memo

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida

**THRU:** Frank Abbate, County Manager *[Signature]*  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

**THRU:** James Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager *[Signature]*  
Community Services Group

**FROM:** Ian Golden, Director *[Signature]*  
Housing and Human Services Department

**SUBJECT:** Citizen Request Rev. J. B. Dennis re: Petition for County Homeless Shelter

**DATE:** November 6, 2018

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Rev. J. B. Dennis, President of the Cocoa Chapter of the National Action Network, has submitted a Citizen Request Agenda Item (New Business) for the November 13, 2018 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The request is for the BOCC to "vote yes to build a homeless shelter in Brevard County". Rev. Dennis might not be aware of the resources in place for the homeless within Brevard County.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; as well as an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Every other year the Brevard Homeless Coalition conducts a snapshot of homelessness in Brevard through a Point-In-Time Count (PIC). The PIC is a one day count of homeless, sheltering conditions, and gathering of other data through face to face surveys (see attached PIC data). There are several types of sheltering available in the County to address homelessness. They are:

1. Emergency Shelter (ES) – any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.<sup>i</sup>
2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) – a type of permanent housing which emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.<sup>ii</sup>

3. Transitional Housing (TH) – designed to provide homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services.<sup>ii</sup>
4. Permanent Supportive Housing (PHS) – a type of permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.<sup>ii</sup>
5. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) – long-term housing that is not otherwise considered permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing. Includes the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) “Transition in Place” (TIP) projects, which do not meet the traditional transitional housing model since participants are placed in private market housing and may take over the lease at the term of assistance.<sup>iii</sup>

Additionally, there is a final type which is endorsed by, but not funded through HUD called Cold Night Shelters. These shelters (many are Churches) are open only when the temperature drops to 45 degrees and below. These shelters then close when temperatures rise again. They are not included in the PIC or the total number of shelter beds.

Based upon the PIC data:

- Twenty-three (23) organizations provide sheltering services within Brevard County.
- These organizations provide a total of forty-nine (49) programs countywide.
- There are 97 Emergency Shelter beds, 341 Rapid Re-Housing beds, 429 Transitional Housing beds, 212 Permanent Supportive Housing beds, and 43 Other Permanent Housing beds.
- During the last Point-in-Time Count (PIC), there were a total of 1,248 shelter beds available in Brevard and 1,019 individuals were utilizing them.

If there are any questions please let me know.

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<sup>i</sup> HUD. (n. d.). Office of Policy Development and Research, Glossary of Terms. Retrieved from [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/glossary/glossary\\_all.html#e](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/glossary/glossary_all.html#e)

<sup>ii</sup> HUD. (n. d.). Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Eligibility Requirements. Retrieved from <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/>

<sup>iii</sup> HUD. (8/8/16). Notice: CPD-16-13.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2017-HIC-and-PIT-Count-Data-Submission-Guidance.pdf> [PDF Document]

### Shelter Data

Year	Organization Name	Project Type	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds
2018	Brevard CARES	Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	ESG-RRH	28	28
2018	Brevard Rescue Mission, Inc.	Transitional Housing (TH)	Casa Carol	24	26
2018	Brevard Rescue Mission, Inc.	TH	Tree House	0	14
2018	Bridges	TH	(GPD) VA-Patriot House	6	6
2018	Catholic Charities	RRH	ESG-RRH	29	29
2018	Children's Home Society	TH	Jimmie Smith Cottage	0	10
2018	Christ Is The Answer	TH	CITA Rescue Mission	51	50
2018	Community of Hope	Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	Hope Village (PH)	29	14
2018	Community of Hope	OPH	NSP (OPH) Neighborhood Stabilization	29	29
2018	Community of Hope	TH	Transitional Housing	36	36
2018	Crosswinds Youth Services	Emergency Shelter (ES)	(ES) Lehton Emergency Shelter	7	17
2018	Crosswinds Youth Services	ES	(ES-RHY) Runaway Shelter	12	8
2018	Crosswinds Youth Services	TH	HHS-RHY Transitional Housing	8	9
2018	Crosswinds Youth Services	TH	TLP-HUD	3	3
2018	Eckerd	RRH	(RRH) Family Support Services	73	73
2018	Family Promise of Brevard	ES	Family Promise	11	16
2018	Genesis House	ES	G1-Genesis House 1	9	13
2018	Genesis House	TH	G2-Genesis House 2	9	20
2018	Genesis House	ES	G3-Genesis House 3	1	6
2018	Housing for Homeless	ES	(ES-ESG) Shelter	1	3
2018	Housing for Homeless	TH	(GPD) VA-TVET1	21	21
2018	Housing for Homeless	TH	(GPD) VA-TVET2	8	8
2018	Housing for Homeless	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Bonus Project 2016 ChronicHomeless	20	28
2018	Housing for Homeless	RRH	HfH (RRH)	20	20
2018	Housing for Homeless	PSH	PH1	56	71
2018	Housing for Homeless	PSH	PHfH	13	20
2018	Nana's House	TH	TH	9	10
2018	National Veterans Homeless Support	TH	Veterans Transitional Housing Svc	9	15

Year	Organization Name	Project Type	Project Name	PJT Count	Total Beds
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	ES	ES-Emergency Housing	1	10
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	ES	ES-Homeless Recovery Center	0	12
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	RRH	ESG-RRH Rapid Re-Housing	30	30
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	PSH	PSH-NSP1 Affordable Perm Housing	50	93
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	TH	TH-Transitional Housing NBSC	8	12
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	TH	TH-UTP-NBSC	9	12
2018	North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	TH	THA -Affordable Transitional Housing	10	38
2018	Salvation Army of South Brevard	TH	Sue Pridmore Center	29	44
2018	Serene Harbor	TH	TH	20	20
2018	South Brevard Sharing Center	RRH	Street to Home Campaign	49	49
2018	South Brevard Women's Center	TH	Melbourne Transitional Housing	12	17
2018	South Brevard Women's Center	ES	Ravidran Safe House	10	12
2018	South Brevard Women's Center	TH	Tranquility Cove	18	32
2018	The Haven for Children	TH	Haven	31	31
2018	Vietnam Veteran's of Brevard	TH	(GPD) VA-Veteran's Transitional Housing	14	20
2018	Volunteers of America	RRH	(SSVF)-RRH	110	110
2018	Volunteers of America	RRH	(SSVF-DR)-RRH Disaster Relief	2	2
2018	Volunteers of America	TH	Bridge Housing (GPD)	8	12
2018	Volunteers of America	TH	Clinical Treatment (GPD)	50	50
2018	Volunteers of America	TH	Service Intensive TH (GPD)	25	24
2018	Walk About Ministries	TH	Integrity House	11	15
			Totals	1019	1248