

Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Homelessness Planning Council
July 10, 2019
8:30a – 9:15a
Randee Rogers Training Center, 1419 Rosa L. Parks Blvd

Attendees: Alaina Boyer, April Calvin, Ashley Oswald, Beth Shinn, Michelle Hall, Norman Humber, Ingrid McIntyre, Marc Overlock, Mary Katherine Rand, Paula Foster, Freddie O’Connell, Bob Freeman, Brian Hassett, Laura Bermudez, Tim Leeth, Wendell Segroves, Charles Strobel, Renee Pratt (Non-voting), Emel Alexander (Non-voting), Anne Havard (Non-voting)

Staff: Judith Tackett, Suzie Tolmie, Alex Dickerson (Metro Legal),

Starting Time: 8:33am

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Motion to approve with no changes: Beth Shinn

Second: Wendell Segroves

All approved but one

Opposed: Tim Leeth

Agenda Item 1: Collaborative Applicant Report

Discussion: Suzie Tolmie reported out to the planning council about summer outdoor counts based on the information she received from other CoCs. Miami, Madison Wisconsin, Balance of State Wisconsin, Des Moines Iowa. Based on the information they provided, the Collaborative Applicant recommends we do not complete a summer count due to the resources required and focus efforts on strengthening HMIS. Several council members supported this recommendation.

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) came out July 3, 2019. Deadline is September 30, 2019. Other deadlines and timelines will be adjusted according to the NOFA requirements. 5% CoC bonus for Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Dedicated HMIS project or support for Coordinated Entry. 10% Bonus for Domestic Violence programs.

Agenda Item 2: Homeless Impact Division Report

Discussion: Received an additional, 2-year grant from HUD for HMIS data quality & security improvements. The focus is on consulting/technical assistance for education of staff, committees, and end users, as well as enabling staff to participate in conferences. Need e-mail contact of all new planning council members for Metro, will be bringing a Conflict of Interest form in August after the Charter has passed.

Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports

It is time for committees to be re-appointed. Please let Judith Tackett know if you are interested in being on one of the committees or interested in being the chair of a committee.

Governance Charter: Requires a new Chair. Charter was out for public comment and only received 2 comments: Better define role of the Executive Committee and identifying items that should be in a policy and procedure document as opposed to a Charter. Due to there not being a policy and procedure (P&P) document, they will be in the Charter but the Charter committee will begin working on a P&P.

Motion to reconsider the Charter – Tim Leeth; 2nd Freddie O’Connell
All in Favor

Motion to approve the Charter as it is written today – Tim Leeth; 2nd Freddie O’Connell
All in Favor

HMIS Policy and Procedure Manual: Presented by Freddie O’Connell, Chair of the Committee. A handful of paper copies provided and an electronic version will be sent to the entire Homelessness Planning Council (HPC) later today. Notice that there is a draft of the document and will be open for public comment; Intention to be voted upon by the HPC at the August meeting.

Comments will be sent to Rachel Cook; July 22nd public forum for the document and the public comment period will end August 9th.

Nominating Committee: There is one vacant position on the HPC. The CoC General Membership will elect the new position next Thursday. Utilize the individuals previously on the ballot and willing.

Extreme Weather: Judith Tackett and Bob Freeman are in touch to see when to reconvene the committee. The discussion about extreme heat has been addressed by the committee in winter. OEM has responded to community requests and is available for wellness checks to support outreach workers.

Agenda Item 4: Strategic Plan Presentation

Discussion: An overview of the three-year plan created by the Strategic Planning Committee with input from several public bodies. The goal is that no one in Nashville would be living on the streets or in shelters for longer than 90 days.

Values: Housing Focused, Person Centered, Data Driven, committed to the effective use of resources, and Race equity focused

Aligns with the federal plan, *Home Together*.

4 Goals: Optimize all resources; improve data; enhance and expand formal collaboration; develop commitment through engagement

Suggestion provided to be more specific with how the community gets to the numerical goals – the plan is that this initial plan sets the baseline to allow us to create more specific, numerical goals.

Activating the Plan: A template for identifying timelines and responsible parties (committees, partners, etc.) for each item of the plan. The committee recommends that the Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee take the first pass at setting responsible parties and partners and bring to the greater HPC in August

Motion to empower the Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee to identify responsible parties and partners – Laura Bermudez

Second: Bob Freeman

All in favor but one

Opposed: Tim Leeth

Announcements:

All pay attention to the Stadium Inn closing and many individuals will be displaced

Westside camps are in the midst of potential disruption and displacement

Bob Freeman has been touring prisons across the state learning their discharge processes and found many being released to homelessness without any assistance or tracking of where they are moving. Any information that can be provided about tracking would be helpful.

Bill Barnes marker unveiling is next Wednesday at 9:30a in front of Edgehill United Methodist Church – Judith Tackett will send the information to the Council

Comment provided to make sure landlords we involve have an understanding of the different reasons an individual becomes homeless and eliminate some of the stigma

Adjournment time: 10:05a

Motion to adjourn – Freddie O’Connell;

Second by Tim Leeth – 10:05a.