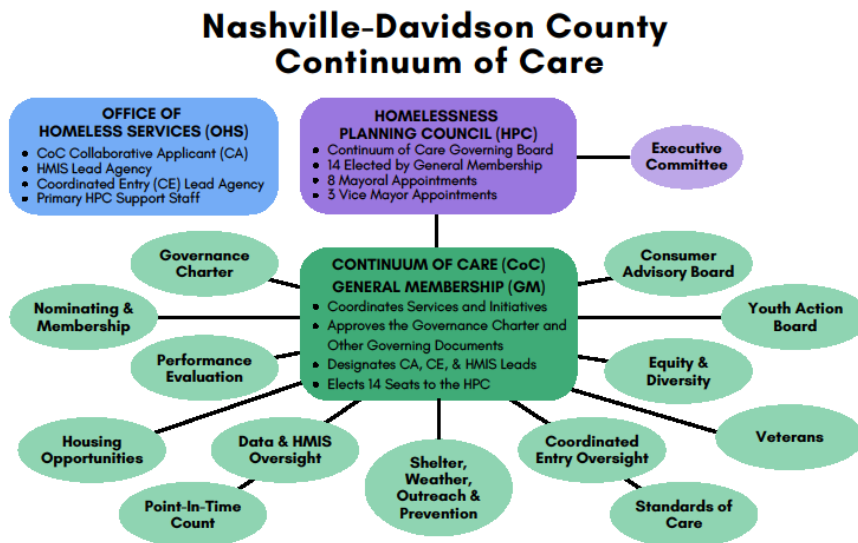


Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Updates SEPTEMBER 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATOR	TBD (this role was recently established in the Charter; Ingrid McIntyre has been functioning as the informal facilitator for years)
NEXT MEETING	October 17, 2024 Nashville Rescue Mission Men's Campus (639 Lafayette St)
DESCRIPTION	The General Membership is made up of individuals and organizations who are members of the Continuum of Care. The General Membership meets on a semi-annual basis to share updates, explore opportunities for collaboration, elect representatives to serve on the HPC, and designate the Collaborative Applicant (CA), Coordinated Entry (CE), and Homeless Management Information System leads.
UPDATES	The September General Membership meeting was postponed to October to avoid conflicts with the state-wide All CoC Grantees Meeting.



A new diagram for the Continuum of Care's Governance Structure was created by the Office of Homeless Services to reflect recent changes made to the CoC Charter.

The Office of Homeless Services has updated the Nashville.gov site to create separate pages for the:

- Homelessness Planning Council: <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/office-homeless-services/boards/homelessness>
- Continuum of Care: <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/office-homeless-services/continuum-care>
- CoC Committees: <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/office-homeless-services/continuum-care/committees>

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
FACILITATOR	Jeff Gibson, Bass, Berry, & Simms
NEXT MEETING	TBD
DESCRIPTION	Reviews the Governance Charter and makes any recommendations for change or revision at least annually. Develops, recommends and revises as needed any bylaws and/or policies and procedures deemed necessary for the ongoing operation of the Planning Council and CoC General Membership.
UPDATES	• The General Membership approved revisions to the CoC Charter in June. • Following up on the five additional recommendations.

NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATOR	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & Ingrid McIntyre (Glencliff UMC)
NEXT MEETING	TBD (awaiting responses to a Doodle Poll)
DESCRIPTION	Recruits and selects qualified candidates for the Homelessness Planning Council and presents the nominees to the CoC General Membership as requested. Collects and manages membership applications for the CoC General Membership and ensures membership policies and practices are followed. The committee also leads efforts to recruit, retain, and motivate diverse membership participation in the CoC, as well as track attendance.
UPDATES	• Recruiting members and looking for a new chair. • Collecting nominations for the General Membership facilitator role. • Following up on the Governance Charter Committee suggestion to establish facilitation procedures for GM meetings.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
FACILITATOR	Kerry Dietz, Stranch Law
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, September 18 from 4 – 6pm Location TBD
DESCRIPTION	Annually prepares scoring matrices for HUD CoC programs, provides trainings for potential grant applicants, scores grant applications, and presents preliminary ranking of grant proposals to the Planning Council for approval.
UPDATES	• Scored Renewal funding applications in August and will be scoring New applications at the next meeting. Once scores are completed the committee will rank applications, which will be presented to the HPC in October. • Preparing for a local competition for the CoCBuils Application.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
FACILITATOR	Jamie Villegas, Homelessness Planning Council
NEXT MEETING	TBD
DESCRIPTION	Collaborates with local agencies, housing providers, and community stakeholders to identify, develop, and expand affordable housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	In the process of launching, recruiting members, and preparing for the first meeting.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, September 23 from 11am – 12:30pm Operation Stand Down TN (1125 12 th Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Promotes and ensures the collection of quality, comprehensive and relevant data about: 1) people experiencing homelessness in Nashville/Davidson County; and 2) the efforts of the local Continuum of Care (CoC) to address and end homelessness here. Recommends policy guidance for the CoC Planning Council on issues related to the implementation and use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
UPDATES	- Finalized revisions to the HMIS Policies and Procedures Manual, which is now open for public comments until October 4. After the deadline, the committee will review and incorporate relevant suggestions, before recommending changes to be voted on by the HPC. - Exploring methodologies for conducting a gaps analysis to assess potential needs for services and resources.

POINT IN TIME COUNT SUBCOMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Nathan Scarlett, Mental Health Coop
NEXT MEETING	Friday, September 20 from 11:30am – 12:30pm East Park Community Center (600 Woodland St)
DESCRIPTION	HUD requires communities across the country to take a census of the people who are literally experiencing homelessness on one night during the last ten days of January. This is a snapshot of the homeless population in Nashville on one night. This committee plans and oversees the annual count, and operates as a subcommittee of the Data Committee.
UPDATES	- Preparing for the January 2025 PiT Count - Utilizing HUD's PiT Count Workplan to establish the methodology - Determining areas of improvement for volunteer recruitment, team assignments, region boundaries, canvassing efforts, etc.

SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa, People Loving Nashville
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, September 12 from 8:30 to 10am Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Campus (1716 Rosa Parks Blvd)
DESCRIPTION	Coordinates among outreach, shelter, and government providers to ensure people living outdoors have the information they need to access shelter and services during heat, cold, floods, and other extreme weather situations.
UPDATES	- Soliciting feedback from community partners and people with lived experience to identify potential revisions to the 2022 Outdoor Homelessness Strategy. - Strategizing around capacity concerns for family shelters.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter, Safe Haven Family Shelter
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, October 2 from 8:30 to 10am Safe Haven Family Shelter (1234 3 rd Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Responsible for updating the CE policies and procedures manual, determining community priorities for the CE process, ensuring adherence to national CE best practices, participating in creative solutions to evolving CE needs, and evaluating and supporting the CE lead.
UPDATES	- Drafted a one-year timeline for the committee, which includes creating a CE assessment, updating the CE Policies and Procedures Manual, and supporting improvements to the VISPDAT. - Working with the OHS CE team to ensure alignment with the core team working on the vulnerability assessment retooling.

STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	September 17, 2024 from 1 – 2pm Location TBD
DESCRIPTION	Ensures policies and procedures are developed for projects funded by HUD CoC and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and aligned with HUD requirements, including Coordinated Entry.
UPDATES	In the process of relaunching.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
CHAIR	Whitney Riddell, VA Tennessee Valley Health Care
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, October 8 from 2:30 – 4pm Operation Stand Down TN (1125 12 th Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Works to create a sustainable systems approach that is capable of meeting and maintaining the federal criteria and benchmarks to effectively end veteran homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	Revisiting previous work on the federal criteria and benchmarks

EQUITY & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, October 7 from 2:30 to 4pm Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203)
DESCRIPTION	Evaluates for inequities in homeless services to determine if race, ethnicity, stereotypes, and biases influence how assistance is delivered. Develops/implements strategies, & identifies resources available, to reduce disparities in the homeless system.
UPDATES	- Published an Equity & Diversity Resources Page. - Exploring hosting another Racial Equity Training and identifying consultants that could provide technical support to CoC organizations. - Preparing to review racial data for funded agencies to identify potential support needs.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD	
CHAIR	Kobe McClain, I Am Next & Sirena Moon, Thistle Farms
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, September 12 from 12 – 2pm Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203)
DESCRIPTION	A committee for youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness to help homeless youth gain and maintain stability by advocating for the community through lived experience.
UPDATES	- Worked with OHS on the submission for the YHDP grant. - Met with representatives from the MNPS HERO program to brainstorm strategies for engaging youth in schools. - Brainstorming additional initiatives focused around mental health and increasing awareness of relevant resources. - Connecting with YABs across the state.

CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Kennetha Patterson, Vision Heirs Inc
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 9:30 to 11am The Contributor (154 Rep John Lewis Way)
DESCRIPTION	A diverse group of individuals with lived experience of homelessness working to provide input on specific CoC matters while addressing barriers and establishing an information network for homeless needs and resources.
UPDATES	- Hosted a listening session in partnership with the Housing Division on the Unified Housing Strategy. - Working on strategic planning and establishing dedicated committees (e.g. communication and partnerships).