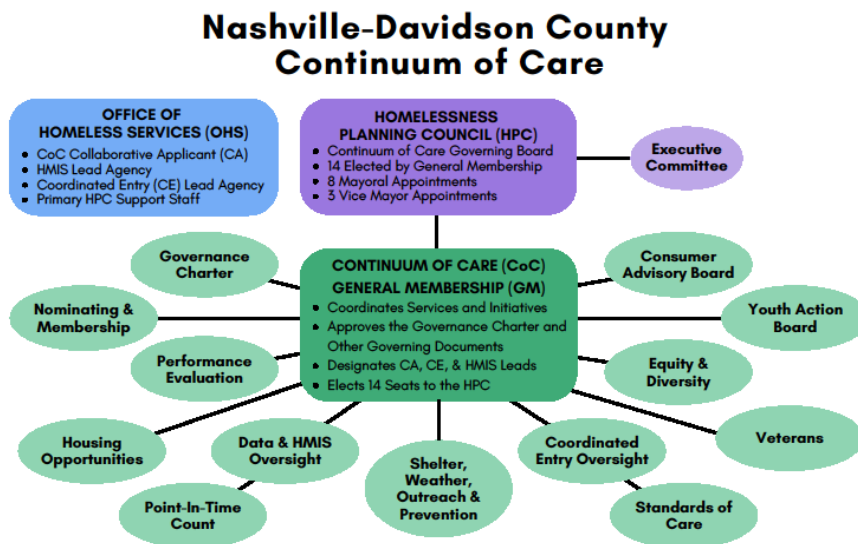


Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Updates November 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATOR	Ingrid McIntyre, Glencliff UMC
NEXT MEETING	November 21, 10:30AM (following the Coalition Awards) 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	- Ingrid McIntyre was elected to serve as the facilitator. - Members requested there to be a process outlined for items to be added to agendas and for there to be 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to talk about current events.



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>

NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & Ingrid McIntyre (Glencliff UMC)
NEXT MEETING	TBD
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	• A new online Membership Form has been created to collect more comprehensive information about the General Membership. The committee hopes to advertise the Membership Form and Committee Interest Form at all meetings. • The committee is working to improve the HPC nomination process. The committee will start by drafting a list of desired characteristics and backgrounds for HPC members and begin engaging with the General Membership starting in February. • The committee is working on a bi-annual orientation for new members, which will also be recorded. The committee is working to create CoC Overview Packets and a Virtual CoC Binder to share with new members.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	TBD
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.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz, Stranch Law
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, November 20 from 4 – 6pm 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	- Reviewed and scores CoCBuils applications. Nashville can only submit 1 application to HUD. The Park Center application scored the highest and was recommended to be the community's application for CoCBuils. - The PEC will work on corrective actions for underperforming projects in alignment with the Reallocation Policy.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	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	Launched in September. Working on a 1-year plan.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, October 28 th 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 was open for public comments until October 4. After the deadline, the committee reviewed and incorporated relevant suggestions. The committee voted for the proposed revision of the Manual to be brought to the HPC for vote. - Exploring conducting an HMIS lead evaluation using HUD's matrix and a creating a process for designating the HMIS lead.

POINT IN TIME COUNT SUBCOMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Nathan Scarlett, Mental Health Coop
NEXT MEETING	Friday, November 15 th 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. • Hoping to release a volunteer application form at the October General Membership meeting.

SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa, People Loving Nashville
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, November 7 th from 9 – 10:30AM 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 conditions.
UPDATES	• Committee members spent three months collecting feedback on the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy. Finding and recommendations were shared in September. The committee voted for the revised version of the Strategy to be brought to the HPC for vote. • OHS and the SWOP committee are working to revise the strategy to incorporate the recommendations.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter, Safe Haven Family Shelter
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, November 6 th 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	• Revising the CE Policies & Procedures Manual. A key area of focus, thus far, has been to update the policies to reflect current practices and reduce barriers for accessing Coordinated Entry. • 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	Tuesday, November 12 th from 1 to 2:30pm Tentatively Operation Stand Down TN (1125 12 th Ave S)
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	Outlining key initiatives, considerations for various types of standards, and a proposed timeline.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
CHAIR	Whitney Riddell, VA Tennessee Valley Health Care
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, November 12 th 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, November 4 th 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	- Planning another Racial Equity Training for early 2025. Working to identify equity consultants that could provide technical support to CoC organizations on needed interventions (e.g. Equity Action Plans). - Working with OHS to follow up with CoC-funded agencies that have racial disparities in program outcomes. - Revisiting the Draft CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. - Published an Equity & Diversity Resources Page.

CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson, Vision Heirs Inc Policy & Advocacy Chair, April Burns-Norris, Community Bridges Inc
NEXT MEETING	TBD
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	- Working with Albert Townsend from NAEH on a Sustainability Framework for the CAB. - Reviewing applications from people with lived experience interested in becoming official CAB members. Once a cohort of CAB members are identified, they will be oriented and assigned to various committees in the CoC.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kobe McCain, I Am Next Vice Chair, Sirena Moon, Thistle Farms
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, October 31 st 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 homeless youth gain and maintain stability by advocating for the community through lived experience.
UPDATES	- Looking into youth homelessness data. - Collaborating with the PIT Count Subcommittee on the Youth PIT Count. - Brainstorming strategies for collaborating with schools to work on efforts to prevent youth homelessness. - Exploring opportunities for peer support and mental health resources. - Connecting with the state-wide YAB and receiving support through the state's Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant.