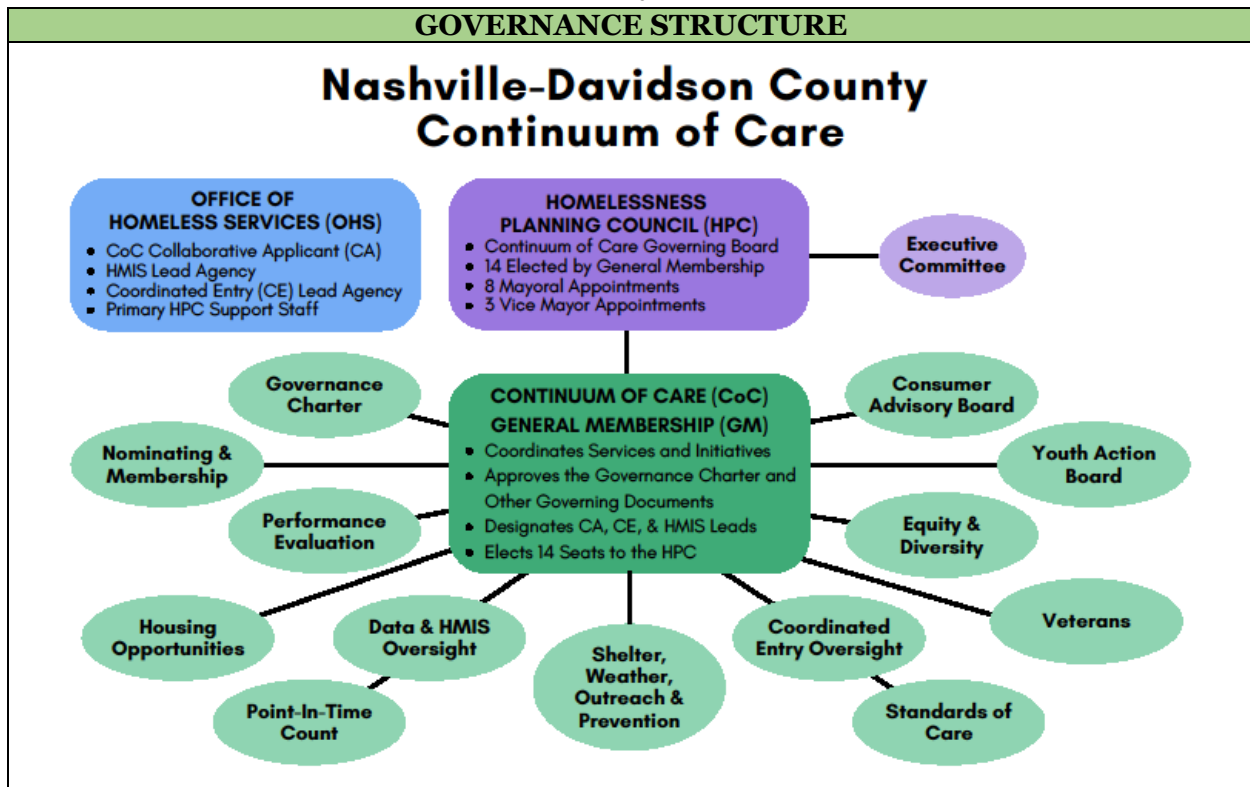


Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Updates

January 2024



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATOR	Ingrid McIntyre, Glencliff UMC
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:30AM 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	10 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of meetings for current events - The Homelessness Planning Council will provide their updates at all future General Membership meeting

NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & Ingrid McIntyre (Glencliff UMC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 12:30PM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 12 th Ave S)
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	• The committee is working to improve the HPC nomination process. The committee is working to map the current HPC membership and propose key characteristics for the General Membership to consider for the next election. The committee is exploring the logistics of potentially downsizing the HPC and adhering to new legislation regarding member terms. • In November, the committee launched a new membership form, membership/attendance tracker, and informational materials. The committee is beginning to work on updating the CoC orientation.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc.)
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	• Following up on the five additional recommendations from 2024. • Collecting suggestions for charter changes from CoC committees and members.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 4PM Lentz Public Health Center (2500 Charlotte Ave)
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	• Drafting a 1 year plan, with an emphasis on strategic initiatives to better prepare the community for the 2026 CoC local competition. • 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	Thursday, January 17, 2024 at 2:30PM Strobel House (110 Jo Johnson)
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	• Working on a Needs Assessment for housing opportunities for those exiting homelessness. • Researching housing models and creating a spreadsheet to track what types of housing strategies already exist in Nashville.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, January 28, 2024 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	• Awaiting feedback on the HMIS Policies and Procedures Manual from Metro Legal before finalizing their proposed revisions. • Exploring conducting an HMIS lead evaluation using HUD's matrix and a creating a process for designating the HMIS lead. • Drafting a 1 year plan of research reports.

POINT IN TIME COUNT SUBCOMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Nathan Scarlett, People Loving Nashville
NEXT MEETING	Friday, January 10, 2024 at 11AM 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	• Finalized the methodology for 2025. • Preparing for the January 2025 PiT Count. • Planning a kickoff event for the night of the PiT Count. • Finalized team assignments and prepared volunteer trainings.

SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa, People Loving Nashville
NEXT MEETING	TBD 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	• The revised Outdoor Homelessness Strategy was approved by the HPC in December. • Assessing cold weather response and beginning to map the landscape of street outreach in Nashville.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter, Safe Haven Family Shelter
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 8:30AM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 12 th 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, February 4, 2025 from 1 to 2:30pm Edgehill Library Branch (1409 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	- Exploring potential updates to the Standards of Care committee description to expand the scope of work. - Outlining training expectations for CoC agencies and their staff.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
CHAIR	Whitney Riddell, VA Tennessee Valley Health Care
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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. - Reviewing program data on a quarterly basis.

EQUITY & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, February 3, 2025 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	- Reviewed survey responses to determine community interests and preferences for the 2025 Racial Equity Training. The committee is now working to plan a training for April 4th or 11th, with a focus on offering workshops, panels, and tangible tools for attendees. - Revisiting the draft CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. Sneha Patel from the Metro Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has helped the committee research policies from other communities and key reporting authorities. The committee plans to consult key partners such as Legal Aid and the TN Fair Housing Council to ensure that the document is user friendly.

CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson, Vision Heirs Inc Policy & Advocacy Chair, April Burns-Norris, Community Bridges Inc
NEXT MEETING	Lived Experience Executive Team will meet on January 9, 2025
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	- Established a cohort of 14 people with lived experience who will be onboarded in the upcoming months and assigned roles on various CoC committees. - Working on their Sustainability Framework and 5 key goals for 2025 – 2026. - Collaborating with National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Mandala, and other community partners.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kobe McCain, I Am Next Vice Chair, Sirena Moon, Thistle Farms
NEXT MEETING	TBD 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	- Looking into youth homelessness data. - Collaborating with the PIT Count Subcommittee on the Youth PIT Count. - Connecting with the state-wide YAB and receiving support through the state's Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant.