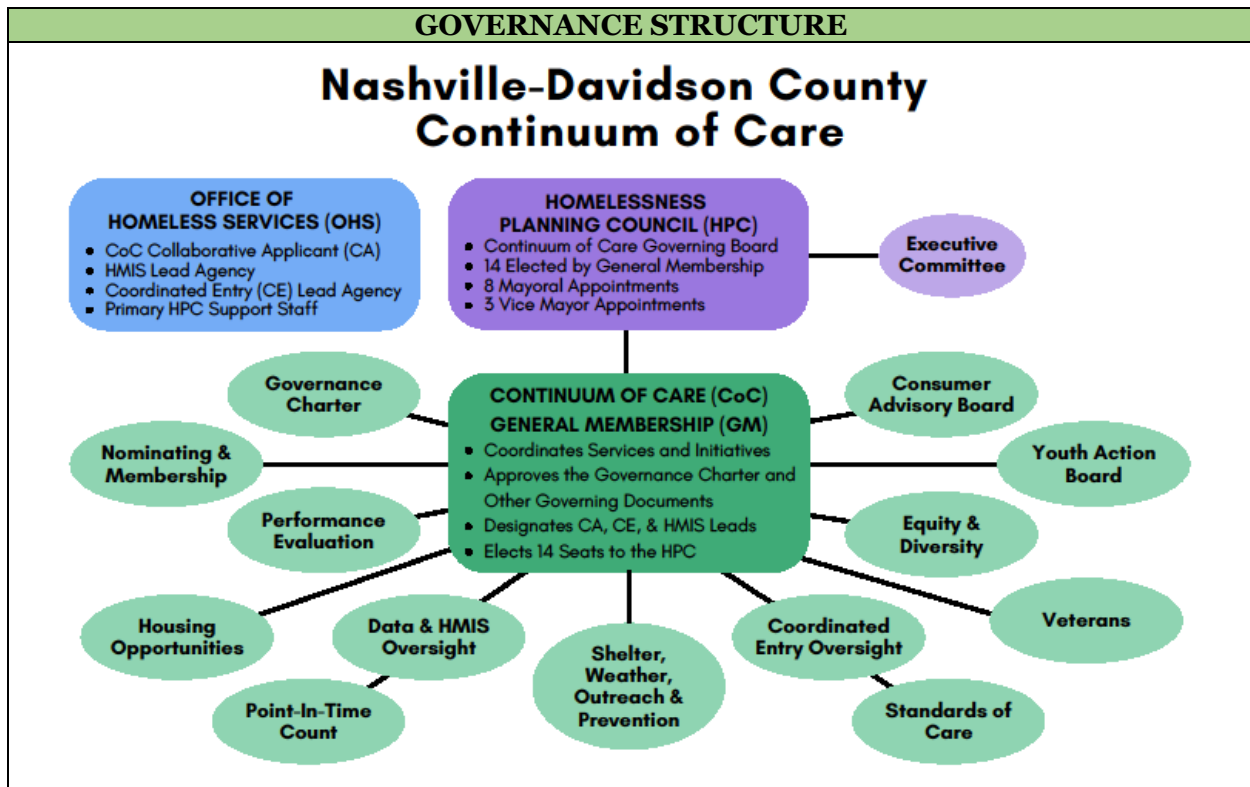


Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Updates

March 2025



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATOR	Ingrid McIntyre, Glencliff UMC
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, March 20, 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	- A survey was sent out to gather feedback from the community to improve the General Membership meetings. At the next meeting, there will be votes to determine a back up facilitator and the meeting frequency. - A significant portion of the next meeting will be focused on discussing current events, engaging the membership on necessary pivots in response to executive orders, and soliciting feedback on proposed changes to downsizing the HPC.

NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Liz Mallard (HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, April 8, 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	- Solicited feedback from the General Membership to determine how to schedule and structure future meetings. The committee also coordinated with facilitator Ingrid McIntyre to design meeting agendas. - Working in coordination with the Executive Committee on creating a plan for downsizing the HPC.

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. - Reviewing changes that need to be made to the Charter to comply with the federal executive orders.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Jamie Villegas, Homelessness Planning Council
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 2:30PM 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	- 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.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, February 19, 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	- The PEC has been notified of concerns regarding the sustainability of Continuum of Care funding and is working on potential strategies to both preserve and pursue homelessness funding. - The PEC plans to continue to address performance concerns and revisit the Reallocation Policy.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, February 24, 2025 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	- Presenting proposed revisions to the HMIS Policies & Procedures Manual at the March HPC meeting. - Approved Hospitality Hub and I Am Next for HMIS. - Brainstorming and engaging CoC committees to determine reports to work on in 2025.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter, Safe Haven & DeShaun Reed, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 8:30AM Family Safety Center
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	- Finalized the review of the CE Policies & Procedures Manual. - Working on a draft to prepare for public comment.

LIVED EXPERIENCE COHORT/CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson, Vision Heirs Inc Policy & Advocacy Chair, April Burns-Norris, Community Bridges Inc
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 1PM Lentz Public Health Center (2500 Charlotte Ave)
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	- In February, members were updated that members of Metro administrative bodies, including the committees of the CoC, such as the CAB, cannot be compensated for their service once the Planning Grant transitions to OHS. - Lived Experience Leaders attended the YAB meeting and engaged community partners to explore potential alternative funding streams. - The cohort is hoping to join Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) and support Open Table's Know Your Rights efforts regarding the criminalization of homelessness.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kobe McCain, I Am Next Vice Chair, Sirena Moon, Thistle Farms
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	- In February, YAB members were updated that members of Metro administrative bodies, including the committees of the CoC, such as the YAB, cannot be compensated for their service once the Planning Grant transitions to OHS. The YAB shared the impact of receiving payment and agreed to work with the Lived Experience Cohort to explore potential creative solutions. - Connecting with the state-wide YAB and receiving support through the state's Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant.

UNITY & OPPORTUNITY	
FACILITATOR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, February 21, 2025 at 11am Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203)
DESCRIPTION	The committee is working to redefine their name and scope.
UPDATES	Working to review federal guidance and recommend CoC-wide changes accordingly. Members will be engaging the HPC and General Membership to determine how to pivot to align with federal executive orders and community priorities.

STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler, Park Center
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, May 6, 2025 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	• Outlined training expectations and referral procedures for CoC agencies and their staff. • The committee members will be working independently on draft language for the Written Standards and CoC Charter during the month of April. • The committee is still hoping to recruit more service providers to increase buy-in for the Written Standards.

SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa, People Loving Nashville
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 9AM 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	• Mapping the landscape of street outreach in Nashville. • Working to address hospital discharge concerns and ongoing needs for alternative interventions for those with severe medical and mental health concerns.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
FACILITATOR	Libby Sides, Matthew 25 & Donald May, Operation Stand Down TN
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	• Exploring strategies for improving the GPD referral process and increasing awareness of veterans new to the system or that have pending VASH vouchers.

POINT IN TIME COUNT SUBCOMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Nathan Scarlett, People Loving Nashville
DESCRIPTION	This committee plans and oversees the annual PIT Count.
UPDATES	• The PIT Count was conducted on January 23rd. The committee will reconvene once the finalized and approve data is available.