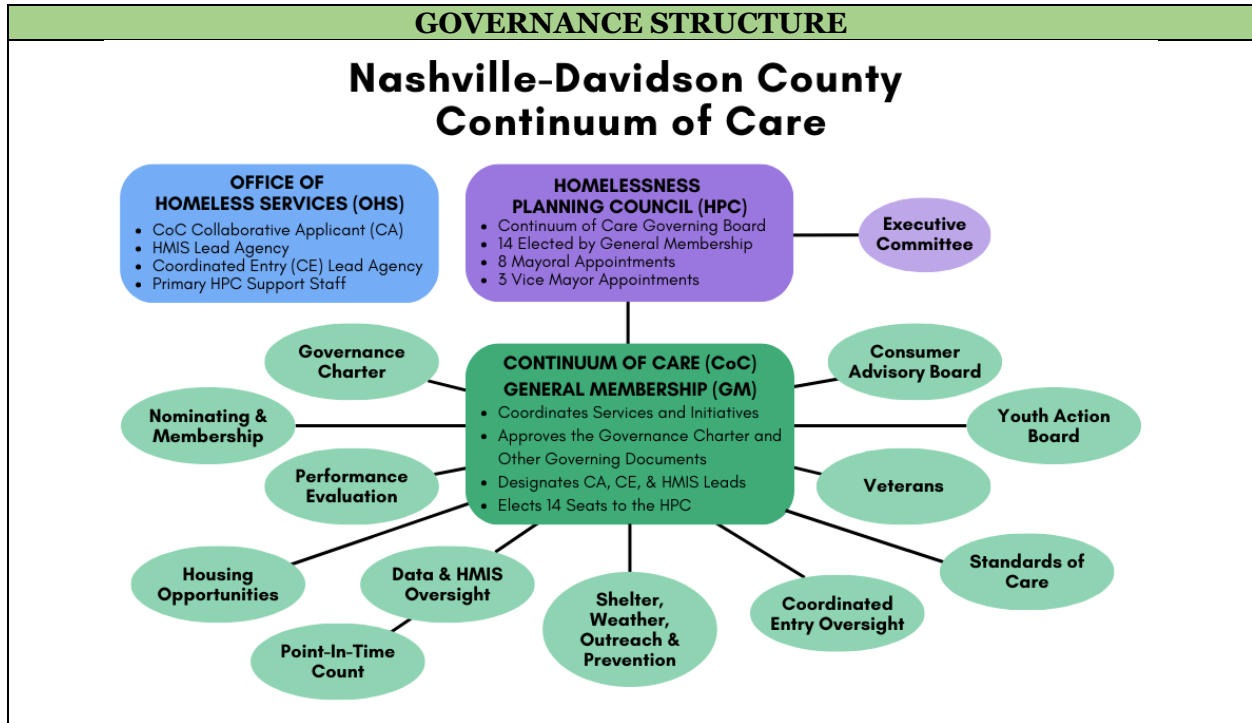


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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATORS	Ingrid McIntyre (UMC) and Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, April 17 at 10:30AM Nashville Rescue Mission (639 Lafayette St)
DESCRIPTION	The General Membership is made up of individuals and organizations 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	• Elected Kenna Hasler as the Vice Facilitator and HPC Liaison. • Voted for meetings to be held every other month and last an hour and a half. • Discussed federal changes and expected impacts for committee work. Chair Alyssa Fernandez shared the need to pause the work of her committee and gathered feedback on their proposal to launch an Initiatives Efficiency Ad Hoc and/or Committee.

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NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Liz Mallard (HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, May 7 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	• Hosting two workshops on downsizing the Homelessness Planning Council to finalize the plan for what will be proposed to Metro Council. Preparing for HPC nominations accordingly. • Working on strategies for improving General Membership meetings.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc.)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, April 28 at 1:30PM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 12 th Ave S)
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	• Met for the first time this Charter review season. • Reviewing the current Charter, suggestions from other committees, recommendations from the last review process, and Charters from other cities.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Jamie Villegas (HPC) and David Langgle-Martin (Park Center, HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, April 17 at 2:30PM Location TBD – Potentially Family Safety Center (610 Murfreesboro Pike)
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	• Narrowed key research questions for their needs assessment (e.g. most effective housing programs, factors for recidivism). • Attended Austin presentation and exploring potential housing models that have been successful in other cities. • Concerned about sustainability for EHV voucher holders. • Voted on a resolution to request a MDHA homeless preference.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, April 16 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, April 28 at 11AM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 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	- Reviewed tasks in the Strategic Plan to help guide the committee's focus for reports and other initiatives. Delineating between tasks assigned to OHS HMIS staff vs the committee. - Reviewed the reports that have been produced by OHS in the last year to determine what additional research is needed.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & DeShaun Reed (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30AM Family Safety Center (610 Murfreesboro Pike)
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	- OHS reworked the Policies and Procedures Manual to address committee concerns and align with outlines from other cities. - The committee is working to prepare the draft for public comment.

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LIVED EXPERIENCE COHORT/CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson (Innovative JOBS Solutions, HPC) Policy & Advocacy Chair, April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 10:30AM Metro Office Building (800 2 nd 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	- The cohort is working to explore potential shifts in their structure and relationship with the Continuum of Care, in part to address limitations around compensation. - The cohort will dive into the 7 components of CAB sustainability along with their alignment with the CoC Strategic Plan.

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	Connecting with the state-wide YAB and receiving support through the state's Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant.

TBD (PROPOSED NEW NAME OF INITIATIVES EFFICIENCY)	
FACILITATOR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, May 5 at 2:30PM 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. - The group has suggested creating an Initiatives Efficiency Ad Hoc Task Force to specifically focus on supporting the Continuum of Care in shifting all Strategic Plan Objectives to "On Track" and piloting CoC grievance processes by the end of 2025. They will gather additional feedback at the upcoming General Membership meeting.

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STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, May 6 at 1PM 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, April 10 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	• Created a new process for tracking progress on committee goals and ensuring connection to the CoC Strategic Plan. At their upcoming meeting they will clarify plans, prioritization, and leads for their goals. • Working to address hospital discharge concerns and ongoing needs for alternative interventions for those with severe medical and mental health concerns. • The committee will be discussing the mobilization of the housing surge at Anthes Drive.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
FACILITATOR	Libby Sides, Matthew 25 & Donald May, Operation Stand Down TN
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, April 8, 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.