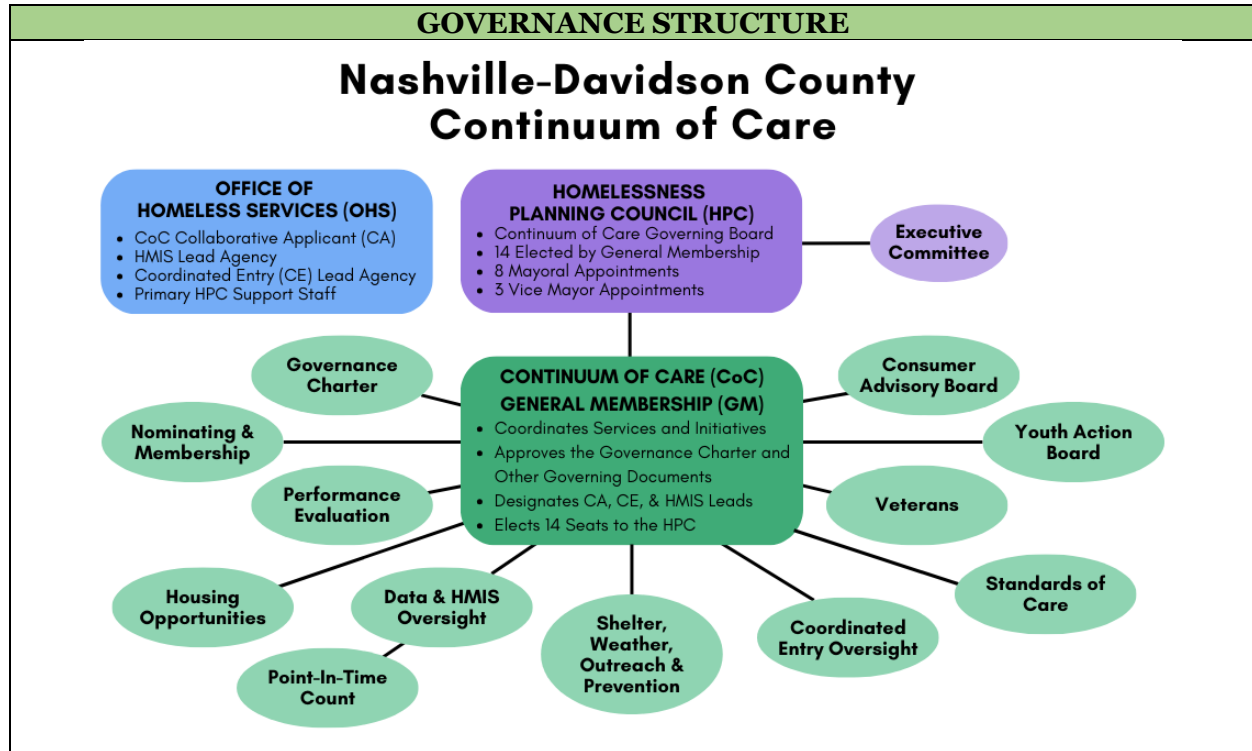


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HOMELESSNESS PLANNING COUNCIL	
CHAIR	Kennetha Patterson
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, July 9 th at 8:30AM Metro Council Chambers (1 Public Square)
DESCRIPTION	The Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council (HPC) is a 25-member governance board for Nashville-Davidson County's Continuum of Care, which coordinates the funding and delivery of housing and services to end homelessness in our community.
UPDATES	- Voted in May to recommend the downsizing of the Homelessness Planning Council to be 11 general membership elected seats, 4 mayoral appointees, and 2 non-voting Metro Council members. Of the 15 voting members, the HPC recommended for at least 4 to have lived experience of homelessness. This recommendation is now being worked on by the Governance Charter Committee and the Metro Council to have the recommendation incorporated into the CoC Charter and Metro Ordinance. Both entities aim to have the attrition process begin no earlier than the 2026 election. - Voted in June to approve the Performance Evaluation Committee's recommendation to submit a joint application from Park Center, Urban Housing Solutions, The Contributor, Legends Inc, and Merry Oaks Homes for the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATORS	Ingrid McIntyre (UMC) and Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, August 21 st 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	- Utilized Menti to gather input for the Initiatives Efficiency and Nominating & Membership committees. Questions focused on how to improve meetings, support needs, communication, etc. - Members provided input on the process for downsizing and priority expertise for this HPC nomination season. The Nominating & Membership announced that the Nomination Form would be open through May 6th. - The current event portion of the meeting focused on concerns regarding the Old Tent City encampment.

NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Liz Mallard (HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, July 8 th 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 Nomination Form for Homelessness Planning Council Members was due at the beginning of May. OHS staff reached out to follow up with all nominees to confirm whether they accept their nomination and request that they complete a Nominee Profile Form. - The committee reviewed the Nominee Profile Forms in May and spent their June meeting working to finalize the slate for the 2025 HPC Election. The committee selected 10 candidates for the slate based on the preferred expertise and attributes recommended by the General Membership in April.

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GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc.)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, July 28 th 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 or policies and procedures deemed necessary for the ongoing operation of the Planning Council and General Membership.
UPDATES	- The committee hopes to focus on clarifying roles and responsibilities between all parties involved in the Continuum of Care (e.g. Homelessness Planning Council vs General Membership vs OHS). The committee is also in the early stages of working on incorporating the Homelessness Planning Council's recommendations for downsizing into the CoC Charter. - The committee discussed barriers that exist within the Charter in regards to compensation. - The chair is looking for a lawyer that can join the committee to help understand applicable laws and build bylaws.

STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, July 28 th 11AM Edgehill Branch Library (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	- Actively drafting language regarding transitions and discharges from services. The committee has outlined a section on core competencies for service providers. - Working with Data & HMIS Oversight on defining "supportive services" for a community-wide inventory.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Jamie Villegas (HPC) and David Langgle-Martin (Park Center, HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, July 17 th at 2:30PM Park Center East (948 Woodland St)
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	- The committee reviewed Stella P data regarding key research questions such as who is getting housed, who is returning to homelessness, and which programs are most effective. - The committee hopes to then focus on understanding how many people need each type of housing resource/program and what it would take to make that possible. - The committee will be planning workshops to bring together stakeholders around each housing model.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, July 16 th 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 continues to work on updating the Reallocation Policy as a strategy to address underperformance. - HUD released a new CoC Builds NOFO that replaced the NOFO that was released in the summer of 2024. The PEC re-solicited CoC Builds applications from the community and reviewed applications at a special meeting on June 3rd. The PEC found the Park Center/UHS and Contributor/Merry Oaks Homes applications to be most compelling. The HPC approved the PEC's recommendation at their June meeting.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, July 28 th at 11AM 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	- Assessing priorities for Strategic Plan responsibilities and identifying key reports that the committee can work on. - Discussed strategies for increasing community awareness of key reports, such as the SPMs. The committee will be collecting feedback at the June 27th All Chairs meeting to understand what data is needed from committees. - Approved Project Love Strong for HMIS and discussed new security concerns that have been added to Urban Housing Solutions' Corrective Action Plan.

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COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & DeShaun Reed (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, July 23 rd at 8:30AM Location TBD
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	The committee approved to release the draft CE Policies and Procedures Manual for public comment. The public comment period closes on June 9th. The committee is actively working to incorporate suggestions, with a focus on Encampment Prioritization. The committee hope to collaborate with the SWOP Committee to assess alignment with the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy.

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	2 nd Week of the Month – The committee is looking for a potential space and time for this meeting.
DESCRIPTION	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 planning for their next meeting to be in a community space and paired with resources to help address challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. - 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.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Kobe McCain, AGB Real Estate & Sirena Moon
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, July 10 th at 12PM Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave)
DESCRIPTION	A space for young people with lived experience of homelessness to drive local strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	The YAB will be reconvening to discuss engagement with the statewide YAB, opportunities for youth peer support training, and next steps for the committee.

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SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa (People Loving Nashville)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, July 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	- The committee continues to monitor metrics in relationship to the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy and the housing surge at Anthes Drive. - 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, July 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	- Piloting a new strategy for improving the Grants and Per Diem (GPD) referral process and better connecting veterans identified in HMIS to VA services. Committee members met with Detroit to learn about their referral process. - At the July meeting, the committee will compare program data to HMIS to assess reporting and data entry.

INITIATIVES EFFICIENCY AD HOC TASK FORCE	
FACILITATOR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, July 7 th at 2:30PM Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203)
DESCRIPTION	The Initiatives Efficiency Committee was proposed as an Ad Hoc Task Force to help map Continuum of Care processes and develop strategies to improve how we work together collectively to end homelessness. The Task Force will work to tackle barriers, gaps, and roadblocks in the Strategic Plan along with working to build capacity across the Continuum of Care to address emerging needs and concerns.
UPDATES	- Created a survey and Menti activity to gather feedback from the CoC on key community needs for improving efficiency, such as improvements to meetings, communication, collaboration, grievance processes, training, etc. - The Task Force is researching grievance procedures from peer CoCs to begin to outline proposed processes for various situations that may need to be grieved.