

**NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
HOMELESSNESS PLANNING COUNCIL (HPC)-MEETING MINUTES**

Planning Council Members Present: Kennetha Patterson (Chair), Rico X (Vice Chair) Pastor Stephen Handy (Conflict), Liz Mallard, Jamie Villegas, Dr. Xyzeidria Ensley, India Pungarcher, Drew Freeman, D’Yuanna Allen-Robb, Michelle Southard, Andrea Hancock, David Langgle-Martin, Jordan Huffman(<i>non-voting</i>), John Rutherford (<i>non-voting</i>), Lizzie Goddard, Angie Lawless, Jaha Martin Staff Present: April Calvin, Raquel de la Huerga, Allison Cantway, Matthew Garth, Kelly Muldoon, Chantelle Owens	Date: June 11, 2025 Start Time: 8:40AM Place: Sonny West Conference Center Recorded by: Raquel de la Huerga
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION
I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MOMENT OF SILENCE, MINUTES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	► Welcome by Chairperson, Kennetha Patterson ► Remembrance & Moment of Silence Members took a moment of silence for lives lost while experiencing homelessness in the month of May. ► Review of May Minutes No corrections. ► Public Comment Period Shanley Deignan introduced herself as the chair of the HMIS Oversight and Data Committee. Ms. Deignan shared that she believes that telling stories with data is one of the most meaningful responsibilities the Continuum of Care has. Ms. Deignan noted that it is important to use shared and agreed upon language and expressed concerns regarding language being used for reporting on outcomes from the Old Tent City closure. Ms. Deignan noted that the Office of Homeless Services claims to have housed 107 individuals from Old Tent City, however, she expressed discomfort in using the term “housed” for those that moved into the Rodeway Inn or another “interim housing” option. Ms. Deignan noted that the interim housing has been categorized in HMIS as emergency shelter and should be referred to that way in the community. Ms. Deignan noted concerns that those housed in interim housing do not have leases and are subject to rules and regulations similar to those of emergency shelter. Ms. Deignan encouraged Homelessness Planning Council members to continue to ask questions about those that have moved out encampments. Member Angie Lawless suggested for the Office of Homeless Services to respond to the concern shared. Director Calvin shared that national studies have shown that living outdoors shortens peoples lives significantly and that having folks move indoors helps build stability so those experiencing homelessness can get back on their feet. Director Calvin offered to share national research and best practices that outline the important of strategies to address street-level homelessness, with an emphasis on encampments. Director Calvin shared that the “interim housing” language came from HUD technical assistance three years prior and that it could be worth revisiting those conversation, but regardless it felt like a win for people to exit outdoor homelessness and have a place to stay until permanent housing can be secured. Director Calvin also highlighted that the current Outdoor Homelessness Strategy has had a very low recidivism rate of 12%. Member Jamie Villegas asked what steps are being taken to ensure every resident of Interim Housing is given due process if any issue were to arise along with what type of notices are provided to residents? Ms. Villegas shared her experience of visiting the Rodeway Inn in the past, which can be intimidating, especially with the level of security and rules. Director Calvin responded that previous operators of the Rodeway Inn had used a lease model, however, the new provider of Hospitality Hub is hoping to better gear people up to transition into permanent housing more

	swiftly. Members suggested to receive copies of the Hospitality Hub policies and grievance procedures. Director Calvin shared she more often hears from Rodeway Inn residents of the need for security rather than individuals raising concerns about their presence. The Office of Homeless Services meets with Hospitality Hub twice a week and has quarterly meetings with the site’s hotel operator, security, etc. India Pungarcher expressed agreement with Ms. Deignan’s concerns regarding how Interim Housing is being classified. Ms. Pungarcher asked for clarification on why Interim Housing is being entered as Emergency Shelter in HMIS if it is being called housing in the community. Director Calvin noted that HMIS does not have a category for Interim Housing, because it is not a HUD designation. In the past, Interim Housing had been designated at temporary/transitional housing, but residents not having leases caused Interim Housing to no longer meet that definition. Members noted that it is a win for 81 people to have moved indoors, especially considering that those who move into Interim Housing can stay there until they secure permanent housing. Other members noted that calling Interim Housing “housing” may dissuade partners from recognizing that individuals in the program still need housing support and suggested to look into potentially clarifying whether the programs are emergency shelter or transitional housing. Lizzie Goddard requested for the Homelessness Planning Council to receive a longitudinal report regarding the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy, noting outcomes at 30, 60, and 90 days. Ms. Goddard suggested to zero in on mid- and long-term reporting. Director Calvin noted that it could also be helpful to analyze similar outcomes across additional programs and funded agencies to fully assess the system. Councilman Huffman noted that the classification of Interim Housing needs to be clear so we can understand resources, however, he wants everyone to be careful of demonizing a housing option, since at the end of the day we are pulling people off the street. Nashville has fallen woefully behind on permanent solutions, however, the Rodeway Inn provides real solutions for people that helps them get closer to permanent housing. Drew Freeman asked about case management offered to those that exited Old Tent City. Director Calvin noted that multiple supportive services organizations are funded to provide long-term case management and Community Care Fellowship and Hospitality Hub offer case management on-site for their programs. Director Calvin noted that Nashville experienced a 45% decrease in deaths of those experiencing homelessness in 2024, attributing this decrease to initiatives such as the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy. Drew Freeman noted a need to outline clear metrics of success for the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy. Michelle Southard cautioned Director Calvin and others from utilizing anecdotal statements as data, since there can be other contributing factors to the decrease in deaths.
II. UPDATES	► Office of Homeless Services Director’s Report, April Calvin: Director Calvin shared that she received a call from Fire and OEM that the encampment that has developed near Nissan Stadium is in the fallout zone of fireworks for 4th of July. Director Calvin plans to discuss this safety concern further with the Shelter, Weather, Outreach, and Prevention Committee at their upcoming meeting. Director Calvin shared that a community member has requested a Task Force related to community capacity, services provided, and funding needed. The Office of Homeless Services hosted a State of Homelessness Symposium on June 4th. Homelessness Planning Council members were provided with the data reports that were shared at the Symposium. Director Calvin emphasized the need for the community to review local data to compare with other communities and national averages. Director Calvin highlighted data related to the national Systems Performance Measures for Continua of Care, which makes up 40% of the points that communities can receive on their annual applications.

	The Office of Homeless Services is working to schedule debriefing dates with the Shelter Committee and the Metro Council Health and Safety Committees. A member noted that the By Name List for Old Tent City had 125 individuals, however, only 107 went indoors, but only 1 person is listed as unknown. Director Calvin responded that the By Name List was curated between the Office of Homeless Services and The Salvation Army over the course of 6 months and there were some individuals that did not reappear in the 60 days that the encampment was noticed before it closed. Jaha Martin emphasized the need to understand how agencies are helping to ensure referrals are happening and successful during housing surges at encampments, noting the need for a one-team community approach. Terminology and data is important, but it is important to remain trauma-informed and human centered to recognize that folks may be plagued with grief and may not be fully ready for housing, so the transition can be jarring and it can take months or years before clients get settled after they are housed. Angie Lawless noted a lot of mistrust between the community, providers, OHS, and the city, suggesting that partners cannot be pitted against each other. Ms. Lawless suggested to spend energy outlining clear goals and to state those goals at the beginning of every meeting so everyone can work toward the same objectives. ► Collaborative Applicant Report, Allison Cantway: • Sent out a CoC Calendar along with a tentative NOFO calendar. • Heard from folks in the community that there is a need to provide more support to newer applicant. • Preparing for monitoring. • Prepared for a NOFO to drop. This is the time of year it would drop. Last year HUD wanted a 2 year cycle. • Congress is currently in the budget process – has significant implications for HUD. • At least 1 more agency received their CoC Contract. • Dr. Richard Cho provided an overview of changes to HUD. • CoC Builds – HUD dropped NOFO last fall. Nashville did submit an application. NOFO null and void. Extremely tight turnaround time. Funds were cut. HUD indicated that there will be another CoC NOFO later this year. ► HMIS Monthly Report, Kelly Muldoon & Chantelle Owens: In May, 3,334 individuals experiencing homelessness, within 2,777 households, of which 393 were families (435 children) and 2,538 were adult only households. There were 10,407 people experiencing homelessness in the last 12 months. There were 639 individuals entered into HMIS in April, of which 222 were new and 417 returning. The community housed 158 people in May, including 91 households, 33 families, 58 children, and 583 adult only households. 1,851 people have been housed in the last 12 months. Chantelle Owens shared that the System Performance Measures (SPM) Report was submitted to HUD and has been included in member’s packets. The SPMs contribute significantly to how communities are scored in the annual program competition. Any questions regarding the SPMs can be directed to the HMIS Help Desk. A member asked for clarification for where the 107 individuals that moved out of Old Tent City were captured in the HMIS report. Kelly Muldoon responded that some individuals are in permanent housing, while others may be in interim programs. ► Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, Kelly Muldoon:
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	Kelly Muldoon shared that the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) finally opened up the portal for communities to submit their PIT Count data. The Office of Homeless Services submitted the data to HUD the week prior and then released an infographic and overview to the CoC listserv. Kelly Muldoon shared that 2,180 people were identified during the PIT, a slight increase (4.1%) from the 2,094 counted the year prior. Number of sheltered increased and it generally increased. 4% of households were families with children. 43% identified as Black, 67% were Male, and 11% were veterans. 79% of those surveyed had a last permanent address in Middle TN. Most unsheltered people were in encampments (43%). 21% of those counted had pets. 48% were experiencing chronic homelessness. 48% had serious mental illness, 74% with any disabling conditions. Councilmembers Jordan Huffman asked for additional information regarding how to improve the identification of people during the PIT Count and to potentially look into how many people were newly entered into HMIS on the night of the PIT. ► Continuum of Care Updates, Kenna Hasler: Kenna Hasler introduced herself as the newly elected Homelessness Planning Council Liaison for the General Membership. On Thursday, June 26th the General Membership will be meeting to host their annual elections for the Homelessness Planning Council. The Governance Charter Committee is reviewing the HPC’s recommendation to downsize the HPC to ensure that the Charter and Metro Ordinance are written in alignment. The Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee released their draft revised Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures Manual for a public comment period, which closed the previous Monday. The committee is now reviewing the public comments and working to incorporate beneficial suggestions. The Standards of Care and Data and HMIS Oversight committees are planning to have a joint meeting in July to work on their respective task for the strategic plan objective regarding inventorying “supportive services. The committees also plan to connect with the Shelter, Weather, Outreach, and Prevention Committee to look into doing a similar inventory and/or systems map for outreach services. The Initiatives Efficiency Task Force has been working on drafting grievance procedures to pilot with the community and to provide targeted support and capacity building for committees.
ACTION ITEM: CoC BUILDS APPLICATION	Kerry Deitz, the chair of the Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC), shared her committee had recently hosted a local competition for the CoC Builds funding that was announced in May. Members were provided the letter that was received from HUD regarding the cancellation of the 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity for CoC Builds and the tight timeline for the new application, which included several changes. Chair Deitz shared that CoC Builds is an exciting funding opportunity, since traditional Continuum of Care funding has not been able to cover costs for development and rehabilitation. If awarded, CoC Builds funding could significantly add to the permanent supportive housing stock in Nashville. Chair Deitz outlined the short timeline for the local competition, as the letter from HUD came out 3 days before the May PEC meeting. The PEC received three applications from: Park Center/Urban Housing Solutions/Legends, The Contributor/Merry Oaks Homes, and My Brother’s Keeper Outreach Ministries. The PEC felt that the Park Center and Contributor applications were the strongest and each had their own strengths. The PEC recognized that HUD was releasing less funding for CoC Builds this year that would include a few big awards, with a significant portion of the funding earmarked for rural communities. The PEC noted that Park Center’s application was competitive as they had experience with building and sustaining permanent supportive housing, had the required financial leverage for the application, and featured multiple partnerships. The

	Contributor's application on the other hand featured more units that were larger in size. The committees suggested to engage the top two strongest applicants to ask if they would be willing to consolidate their application. Applicants responded within 24 hours that they were willing to merge. The PEC is recommending for Nashville to submit application an with Park Center as the main applicant due to their leverage contributions and then outline in the application for a portion of the funding to go towards The Contributor's project. Not wanting to sacrifice leverage. The PEC asked for the HPC to approve the decision to submit a joint application between Park Center and The Contributor. Rico X asked for the total application amount. Kerry Deitz noted that the applicants will be applying for the highest amount that Nashville is eligible for, recognizing that not many cities will be awarded the funding. Jamie Villegas moved to approve the recommendation from the Performance Evaluation Committee to submit a combined application of Park Center and The Contributor for the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity. D'Yuanna seconded. Seconded by D'Yuanna Allen-Robb. IN FAVOR: Rico X, Pastor Stephen Handy, Liz Mallard, Jamie Villegas, Dr. Xyzeidria Ensley, India Pungarcher, Drew Freeman, D'Yuanna Allen-Robb, Michelle Southard, Andrea Hancock, Lizzie Goddard, Angie Lawless, Jaha Martin OPPOSED: None ABSTENTION/RECUSSAL: Kennetha Patterson and David Langgle-Martin. Motion carried.
ADJOURN	Chair Kennetha Patterson announced that she would table the remaining agenda items due to time concerns and plans to include them on the July meeting agenda. Chair Patterson announced that My Brother's Keeper, the planned Story of Progress, has 244 rooms available for rent in the Opryland area, which can accept VASH, Section 8, and self-pay. A member requested the rental cost and Chair Patterson responded that she believes it is \$1,400 a month, but rent includes meals and other supplies. Chair Patterson shared that she is the Homelessness Director for My Brother's Keeper Outreach Ministries. 10:17 AM