

Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Updates

September 2025



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATORS	Ingrid McIntyre (UMC) and Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, October 16 th 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) presented on the Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic fatalities, noting that many of those killed are people experiencing homelessness. NDOT requested feedback from the Continuum of Care regarding potential strategies for addressing increased vulnerability for those who are unhoused. The General Membership discussed a range of currently events utilizing the Menti platform. A key theme was discussing the need to proactively prepare for federal changes. The Nashville Rescue Mission agreed to present on their programming and capacity study at the October meeting.

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NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Liz Mallard (HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, September 9 th at 12:30PM Nashville CARES (633 Thompson Ln)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee facilitated the General Membership's election process in June to fill vacant seats on the Homelessness Planning Council. • The committee is working on providing feedback on the CoC Charter to the Governance Charter Committee. • The committee is now focusing on recruitment, engagement, and orientation efforts.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIRS	Shanley Deignan (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, September 22 nd at 12:30PM Edgehill Branch Library (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is actively exploring the possibility of moving the lived experience committees and/or all Continuum of Care Committees out from under the Homelessness Planning Council in the Charter. This strategy has been posed as a potential option for addressing compensation barriers for people with lived experience that are members of Continuum of Care committees. • The committee began a deep dive on the General Membership and Homelessness Planning Council sections and is working on requesting input from relevant committees (e.g. Nominating & Membership).

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STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	TBD – the committee is re-assessing their standing meeting time.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing out the Supportive Services Survey to provide feedback to the Data & HMIS Oversight Committee. • Finalizing language regarding transitions and discharges from services. The committee has outlined a section on core competencies for service providers. The committee will then work to identify other key areas to work on in the Standards.

SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIRS	Courtney Berner (Oasis), Mary Katherine Rand (Mary Parrish Center), & HG Stovall (Launch Pad)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, September 11 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is working to coordinate with other committees on research and data requests. • The three new committee chairs will be stepping in to lead in Sept. • The committee continues to discuss seasonal concerns such as heat response and emerging challenges for shelter and outreach. The committee continues to work to assess capacity and address ongoing systems limitations (e.g. lack of vouchers, severe medical needs, lack of shelter options for specific populations).

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Jamie Villegas (HPC) and David Langgle-Martin (Park Center, HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, September 18 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is working on informational materials and engagement strategies to encourage landlords, developers, and funders to help expand deeply affordable housing and subsidies. The committee hopes to set meetings with a few landlords already involved in housing people exiting homelessness to understand their perspective and concerns. • The committee is looking into inventorying project based vouchers as well as housing options for those on the sex offender registry.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, September 17 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PEC did not meet in August. • The PEC released their draft revisions to the Reallocation Policy, which will be open for public comment until September 17th. • The PEC is gearing up for a local competition as HUD has advised that there will be a Notice of Funding Opportunity released this year.

DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, September 22 nd at 11AM Edgehill Branch Library (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met jointly with the Standards of Care Committee in July and August to work on a shared definition of “supportive services” and draft a survey to create an inventory of providers. • Exploring granting access to HMIS for Mental Health Coop staff within the DCSO Behavioral Care Center.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & DeShaun Reed (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, October 1 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee approved recommending to the HPC revised version of the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. • The committee is preparing to create the evaluation process for the Coordinated Entry lead agencies.

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LIVED EXPERIENCE COHORT/CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson (Innovative JOBS Solutions, HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, September 11 at 12PM Pruitt Branch Library (117 Charles E Davis Blvd)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cohort had an initial discussion with the National Health Care for the Homeless Council regarding the President's executive order on homelessness. The cohort is exploring opportunities to increase awareness and advocate for those on the streets. • Chair Patterson is reviewing the committee roster to address attendance and recruitment needs. • Chair Patterson continues to raise the need for better incorporation of lived experience in the COC and to address compensation concerns.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Kobe McCain, AGB Real Estate & Sirena Moon
NEXT MEETING	TBD
DESCRIPTION	A space for young people with lived experience of homelessness to drive local strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YAB will be reconvening to discuss engagement with the statewide YAB, opportunities for youth peer support training, and next steps for the committee.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
FACILITATOR	Libby Sides, Matthew 25 & Donald May, Operation Stand Down TN
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, September 9 th , 2025 from 2:30 – 4pm Pruitt Branch Library (117 Charles E Davis Blvd)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed Kelsea Combs as the new Veterans Systems Lead. • Met with MDHA leadership to discuss property management changes at one of the veteran housing sites. • Awaiting additional clarity on By Name List data for veterans.

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INITIATIVES EFFICIENCY AD HOC TASK FORCE	
FACILITATOR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, September 8 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force has created a general outline of Continuum of Care Grievance Procedures and is now working to create and format a draft policy. • The Task Force continues to engage with committees to help identify support needs and work to build capacity.