

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

<p>Planning Council Members Present: Rico X (Chair), Liz Mallard (Vice Chair), India Pungarcher, Drew Freeman (Conflict – CoC Funded), Michelle Southard, Meredith MacLeod Jaulin, David Langgle-Martin (Conflict – CoC Funded), HG Stovall (Conflict – ARPA Funded), Catherine Knowles, Alyssa Fernandez (Conflict – CoC Funded), Lizzie Goddard, Angie Lawless, CM John Rutherford (<i>non-voting</i>), CM Erin Evans (<i>non-voting</i>)</p> <p>Staff Present: April Calvin, Andrea Marlowe, Allison Cantway, Derrick Smith, Hannah Cornejo-Nell, Monte Talley</p>	<p>Date: October 8, 2025 Start Time: 8:30AM Place: Historic Metropolitan Courthouse, David Scobey Council Chambers</p> <p>Recorded by: Andrea Marlowe</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION
<p>I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MOMENT OF SILENCE, MINUTES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p>	<p>► Welcome by Chair Rico X</p> <p>► Recognition of New None.</p> <p>► Remembrance & Moment of Silence Members took a moment of silence for lives lost while experiencing homelessness in the month of September.</p> <p>► Review of September Minutes David Langgle-Martin moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>► Public Comment Period Ms. Byrd addressed the body to share observations regarding the recent audit committee meeting. She began by commending the Office of Homeless Services staff, nonprofit partners, outreach workers, and mental health professionals for their ongoing work supporting vulnerable individuals, noting that this work continues regardless of external challenges.</p> <p>She expressed concern about the conduct of several council members during the audit meeting, stating that the Vice Mayor assumed control of the meeting from the audit committee chair, and that a motion was advanced and seconded without participation from audit committee members. She noted that the room was filled with individuals expressing support for the Office of Homeless Services.</p>

	<p>Ms. Byrd emphasized the critical and evolving nature of homelessness response work and shared her personal experience witnessing the serious health impacts of homelessness. She concluded by expressing strong concern about what she perceived as unfair treatment during the meeting.</p>
<p>II. FEDERAL FUNDING/TOWNHALL MEETING</p>	<p>Allison Cantway provided an update on the current landscape of federal funding and HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development). She noted that there was still no NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) released and that the NAEH (National Alliance to End Homelessness) believed it was unlikely to be issued during the government shutdown. She also discussed the COC Bills NOFO, which was released in September with awards expected by September 30th, but the awards were not announced. NAEH filed a lawsuit against HUD regarding grant conditions and won the case.</p> <p>Allison highlighted concerns about a potential major restructuring of the COC program based on anonymous sources cited in Politico and ProPublica. The proposed restructuring involves cutting two-thirds of funding for permanent supportive housing and redirecting it to transitional housing projects with work or service requirements. She emphasized that this shift would be concerning as permanent supportive housing is a best practice and cost-effective model.</p> <p>CM Erin Evans asked who is responsible for assessing the impact in Nashville if rules were changed? In light of the uncertainty surrounding federal funding, the Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) has been discussing contingency plans. They aim to prioritize permanent housing, especially permanent supportive housing, if cuts occur. OHS has created a report detailing COC-funded agencies, funding amounts, project types, and the number of people supported to show the potential impact of funding loss. There was a suggestion to develop clear figures on the number of households at risk of losing permanent subsidies. A citywide convening of providers is proposed for November 17th at the Community Foundation to discuss the current limitations and develop a more robust contingency plan.</p>
<p>III. LIVED EXPERIENCE COMPENSATION/LEGAL REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS</p>	<p>Chair Rico X shared updates on contingency planning and CAB compensation. The Executive Committee is organizing a citywide convening of providers on November 17 at the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to discuss funding uncertainty, federal cuts, and collective impact strategies.</p> <p>Derrick provided an update on compensating individuals with lived experience. The Executive Committee recommends the CAB operate as a standing committee under the HBC and partner with a local nonprofit as a fiduciary agent. Funding and an RFP process are still needed, and maintaining CAB's voice within the charter is a priority. Director Calvin noted preliminary budget estimates of \$35,000 for CAB compensation.</p> <p>Chair Rico X also outlined a new process for legal review of proposals. Committees will provide documents at least 30 days in advance for Metro Legal review. Legal will provide guidance but not make policy decisions. OHS staff member Raquel will serve as the liaison to forward documents to Derrick Smith.</p>

VI. REPORTS & UPDATES	<p>Continuum of Care Updates, Kenna Hasler The next CoC General Membership meeting will be held on October 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Nashville Rescue Mission Men’s Campus, and members were encouraged to attend to stay informed on CoC operations. Kenna reported that the CAB continues to face quorum challenges due to transportation and financial barriers affecting members with lived experience, and a list of support needs has been submitted. The CoC Charter Review remains underway and includes consideration of whether committees should operate under Metro government. Rico volunteered to present at the next CoC meeting to strengthen communication between HPC and CoC. The upcoming CoC meeting will focus on refining priority topics through Menti engagement, narrowing them to the top three for general discussion. A vote will be held at the next meeting to determine which leadership role Kenna will continue to hold.</p> <p>Office of Homeless Services, April Calvin Director Calvin provided updates on departmental activities. Executive Committee minutes were included in the packet for additional context. She reminded members of the monthly Homeless Coalition meetings on the third Thursday, with a community celebration planned for November.</p> <p>She highlighted the contingency planning document on potential federal funding impacts, shared on a statewide CoC call, with next steps to develop a statewide impact report for congressional outreach. The updated Policies and Procedures will be reviewed by the Coordinated Entry Committee in November, incorporating legal and OHS input, with materials distributed 30 days in advance. The federal NOFO is expected following the shutdown, and monitoring activities will resume to align with federal requirements. Metro has contracted BGR for federal guidance, with plans for a representative to present at an upcoming HPC or CoC meeting. Nashville will host 60–70 Oklahoma delegates on October 23 for a homelessness strategy exchange. Interim housing work group findings from a survey of over 200 individuals will be finalized and shared.</p> <p>Director Calvin noted that ARPA funds are entering their final three quarters, with agencies required to have sustainability plans. ARPA monitoring will be coordinated with CoC monitoring. The prioritization team is reassessing encampment sites for housing surges, and outreach may be temporarily affected by fall break schedules.</p> <p>Homeless Management Information System Hannah explained that in September, 3,585 people experienced homelessness. 131 people moved from homelessness to permanent housing. The Nashville Rescue Mission (19), Operation Standdown (16), and Oasis Center (8) housed the most households in September.</p>
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