

**NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
HOMELESSNESS PLANNING COUNCIL—MEETING MINUTES**

Council Members Present: Alaina Boyer, April Calvin, Ryan Ellis, Alex Smith, Michelle Hall, Dawn Deaner, Sheila Decker, Marc Overlock, Beth Shinn, Freddie O’Connell, Sandra Sepulveda, Will Connelly, Paula Foster, Laura Bermudez, Vicky Batcher, Jeff Gibson, Charles Strobel, Renee Pratt (Non-Voting), Hannah Davis (Non-Voting), Treva Gilligan (Non-Voting)	Date: April 14, 2021 Time: 8:30a Place: Webex
Staff: Judith Tackett, Suzie Tolmie, Abigail Dowell, Derrick Smith (Metro Legal)	Recorded by: Abigail Dowell

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
I. WELCOME AND VIRTUAL MEETING MOTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Marc Overlock motioned to begin and approve the virtual meeting. Seconded by Vicky Batcher 	
II. Moment of Silence		
III. STORY OF PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Will Connelly from Park Center shared about their efforts to increase housing and lower barriers. They recently partnered with a developer to Master Lease 14 SRO units. They do not require income, sobriety or other things that would be a barrier for vulnerable people to be housed. Beginning to move people into homes now. 	
IV. Metro Homeless Impact Division Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Judith Tackett shared about the coordinated effort to vaccinate individuals experiencing homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination between Neighborhood Health, Metro Health Department, and St. Thomas Ascension – working with outreach teams to go out to encampments. Also taking walk-ins at the downtown clinic on Fridays - Currently rescheduled some of the events due to the Johnson and Johnson vaccine pause. ▶ Metro is also planning a phased closing of the Metro Shelter. Judith will send the press release providing more details of the plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freddie asked for an update at the next meeting on the policy of hotel voucher use. ▶ Ms. Tackett provided an update of the encampments affected by the March flooding. 	

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	<p>▶ A landlord mitigation fund is being put into place through the ESG-CV funding. It will be to serve landlords providing housing to individuals participating in the ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marc Overlock provided a suggestion of compiling a list of preferred providers to help provide cost-effective repairs <p>▶ Shanley Deignan presented from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing to work with agencies providing outreach services to increase data on outdoor homelessness. - People Loving Nashville and Nashville Street Project have both recently begun participating in HMIS and entering their outreach data - The HMIS team will begin providing more information to agencies providing support services only (eg. Shower the People) 	
<p>V. COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT REPORT</p>	<p>▶ Suzie Tolmie shared about the continuum of care competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Performance Evaluation Committee is preparing by reviewing the HUD Housing First Tool, the previous scoring sheet, and the application which will include new questions. - No notice from HUD about when the competition will begin. 	

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VI. URBAN HOUSING SOLUTIONS – RAD CONVERSION	<p>► Kelsey Oesmann from Urban Housing Solutions shared a presentation about Urban Housing Solutions plans to convert current housing utilizing funding through the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charles Strobel asked about sobriety policy. Traci Patton shared that all communities are sober living communities and require a drug screen before move in but not after. - Beth Shinn asked if there could be more units dedicated to the 30% area median income level. Modeling has not currently been done on the new plans for what financial assistance would be needed but can be. <p>Part of the HUD process to receive funding through RAD requires support from the Continuum of Care.</p>	<p>Marc Overlock motioned support of the conversion plan. Seconded by Tom Turner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Evans was present but unavailable to vote - All other present members voted in favor.
VII. CARES ACT GRANT AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	<p>► Heather Dillashaw shared that more than 300 people have been housed with the ESG CV grant funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional ESG funds from the State will be coming to Nashville as well. <p>Ms. Dillashaw provided information about the American Rescue Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focused on people who are experiencing homelessness. - Approximately \$10 million in HOME funds to provide rental assistance, supportive services and to develop affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness. - Additional funding to public housing authorities for more rental vouchers. MDHA should find out in May what that amount will be. 	
VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN	<p>► Laura Bermudez shared information about the two meetings held with committee chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a desire for greater collaboration with the Homelessness Planning Council to have at least one member of the HPC on each committee. 	

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IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The HMIS Oversight Committee has made a Chair transition to Stephanie Cooper and Will Connelly as Vice Chair 	
X. OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We are not expecting the Governor to extend the ability for public virtual meetings, and we will prepare to meet in person in May. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheila Decker asked if concessions would be made for individuals who are high risk. ▶ Alaina Boyer expressed thanks for the work to defeat the bill that was at the State Legislature that would have made it illegal for individuals experiencing homelessness to sleep outside. ▶ Freddie O'Connell requested for Judith Tackett to review the MHID budget request at the next Homelessness Planning Council meeting. 	
XI. ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at 10:01a Alaina Boyer motioned for adjournment with a second by Vicky Batcher. 	NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2021