

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

Council Members Present: April Calvin, Alex Smith, Dawn Deaner, Sheila Decker, Marc Overlock, Beth Shinn, Mary Katherine Rand Freddie O’Connell, Will Connelly, Paula Foster, Laura Bermudez, Vicky Batchner, Renee Pratt (Non-Voting), Hannah Davis (Non-Voting), Treva Gilligan (Non-Voting)	Date: May 12, 2021
	Time: 8:30a
	Place: Madison Precinct
Staff: Judith Tackett, Suzie Tolmie, Abigail Dowell, Derrick Smith (Metro Legal)	Recorded by: Abigail Dowell

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
I. WELCOME AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	▶ April Calvin, Sheila Decker, Marc Overlock, Mary Katherine Rand, Will Connelly, and Paula Foster work for agencies or have family working for agencies that receive Continuum of Care or Emergency Solutions Grant funds.	
II. Moment of Silence		
III. Minutes	No additions or edits; Quorum not available for approval vote	
IV. STORY OF PROGRESS	▶ Judith Tackett shared two stories of progress.	
V. Metro Homeless Impact Division Report	<p>▶ Judith Tackett shared housing placement rates and information regarding additional funding provided through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.4 million dollars in Emergency Solutions Grant Covid 19 (ESG-CV) funds will be provided to the community to assist with filling in gaps and needs the previously funded agencies have shared. The timeframe to spend the funding is September 2022. <p>▶ Sustainability planning: Currently we receive up to 18 Section 8 vouchers per month; 100 Mainstream Vouchers designated for individuals with disabilities; and 198 Section 8 vouchers designated for individuals experiencing homelessness – provided through the American Rescue Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Push for 500 landlords who will accept vouchers. There is a newly created landlord mitigation fund to provide incentive for landlords and additional funding is being requested to create a sign-up bonus fund. <p>▶ An Outreach Coordination meeting was held yesterday with all of the outreach organizations to map where services are currently provided, which areas are being missed, and begin discussing how the organizations can spread their services. Regular follow up meetings will be conducted to improve coordination and communication.</p> <p>▶ The Permanent Supportive Housing Development that has been slated to be built on 2nd Ave in partnership with MDHA is now moving forward. There was a delay but the</p>	

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	<p>groundbreaking will occur this year and provide 81 units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recommendation provided to have a monthly “Landlord Champion”. ▶ Second concern was for prioritization of people living outside and the issue of racial equity due to the fact that people of color are historically more likely to stay in a shelter over being outside. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judith Tackett shared that an outside evaluator is being contracted to evaluation our assessment and prioritization process with a focus on making sure it is racially equitable. ▶ Questions: How are we collecting the current shelter numbers and how are we doing on spending of the ESG-CV funds in comparison to other communities. Will the PSH units being going through Coordinated Entry? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelter Numbers: Room in the Inn, Nashville Rescue Mission, and Metro Shelter numbers are provided via e-mail. - ESG-CV fund spending has been slow around the country. Nashville has started drawing down funds. - PSH Units – Yes, it is intended for the PSH units to be filled through Coordinated Entry. ▶ Rachel Cook Data Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An updated was provided regarding the Rapid Rehousing ESG-CV fund use. - 456 individuals have been enrolled and 349 have been housed as of Monday, May 10, 2021. - Average length of time from enrollment to move-in is 29 days. 	
VI. COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Continuum of Care Renewal Demand is roughly 6.2 million dollars this year. Still no news of NOFA timing. Beginning monitoring of CoC funded agencies this month. 	

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VII. HMIS DATA QUALITY AND MONITORING PLAN	<p>▶ Shanley Deignan from the Metro Homeless Impact Division Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team provided a brief overview of the HMIS Data Quality and Monitoring Plan. This will be going out for public input at this end of this week and send to the Homelessness Planning Council members.</p>	-
VIII. CARES ACT GRANT AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	<p>▶ 9.3 million dollars will be provided through the federal HOME program. This will come to MDHA and is in very early planning stages.</p> <p>-</p>	
IX. STRATEGIC PLAN	<p>▶ Laura Bermudez shared an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This month began a monthly review of the strategic plan by the Executive Committee. - The Committee reports were sent via e-mail to the Homelessness Planning Council on May 7, 2021. - April Calvin and Alaina Boyer are creating a more formal report to provide to the Homelessness Planning Council - This summer we will begin a semi-annual review: celebrating milestones, discuss risks and issues, and a look forward at the work to come. - Committee Chairs requested a Homelessness Planning Council member on every committee. The Executive Committee will identify committees with a gap. <p>▶ A question regarding adjusting the timeline of the Strategic Plan due to the effects and slowing of progress in 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timelines have been discussed and adjusted with Committee Chairs. We are moving from phase 1 to phase 2 	
X. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>▶ Nominating Committee: A strong slate of candidates prepared to share with the Continuum of Care General Membership. A vote is scheduled to take place at the June meeting.</p> <p>▶ Standards of Care Committee is focusing on the Rapid Rehousing standards. Specifically around case management to ensure our community is reaching beyond the bare minimum. The Standards of Care will go out for public comment later this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request the Homelessness Planning Council provide an extension for their work on Prevention and Diversion 	
XI. OTHER BUSINESS	<p>▶ Freddie O'Connell requested an update on the Operation Stand Down Permanent Housing project.</p> <p>▶ Freddie O'Connell requested an update on the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metro Social Services budget request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 HMIS positions were requested and are in the Mayor's Budget currently. 2 of 	

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	<p>the requested positions will move 2 positions which are currently grant funded to metro funds, allowing the grant to be used for the HMIS software costs which are increasing due to increased use and need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Freddie O’Connell asked Hannah Davis to provide a report on the affordable Housing Task Force and how it is connecting and ensuring focus to house individuals experiencing homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hannah Davis and Beth Shinn provided an update of their perspective and will share the report which is intended to be near-term solutions while undertaking the longer process of creating a full housing plan. ▶ Recommendation to have the Davidson County Sheriff’s Office Behavioral Health Center come present to the Homelessness Planning Council ▶ Recommendation to bring information about crisis response programs ▶ Send nominations for planning council officers to Judith Tackett. 	
XII. ADJOURNMENT	▶	NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2021