

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

<p>Council Members Present: Alaina Boyer, Melanie Lane, Alex Smith, Catherine Knowles, Dawn Deaner, Jaha Martin, Karri Gornick, Mary Katherine Rand, Sheila Decker, Travis Claybrooks, Freddie O’Connell, Erin Evans, Sandra Sepulveda, Will Connelly, Paula Foster, Laura Bermudez, Vicky Batchter, Wendell Segroves, Jeff Gibson, Charles Strobel, Tom Turner, Renee Pratt (MSS) Treva Gilligan (MDHA), Hannah Davis (Mayor’s Office)</p> <p>Staff: Jay Servais, Suzie Tolmie, Abigail Dowell, Janet Gilmore (Intern)</p>	<p>Date: November 10, 2021 Time: 8:30a Place: Vine Hill Towers</p> <p>Recorded by: Abigail Dowell and Janet Gilmore</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
I. WELCOME AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Karri Gornick, Mary Katherine Rand, Sheila Decker, Paula Foster, Will Connelly, Sandra Sepulveda, work for agencies, have family working for agencies, or that receive Continuum of Care or Emergency Solutions Grant funds. 	
II. Moment of Silence		
III. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Motion to approve by Dawn Deaner, seconded by Alaina Boyer. Karri Gornick and Paula Foster abstain. All others voted to approve. 	
IV. STORY OF PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Shared about the community training organized by the CoC Equity and Diversity Committee. This was a virtual training and will be the first of several trainings for the community. <p>A next step will be to organize a training for CoCs, CFOs and Board Chairs of non-profits members of the CoC .</p>	
V. Metro Homeless Impact Division Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Renee Pratt, Executive Director of Metro Social Services, introduced Jay Servais as the Interim Director of the Homeless Impact Division. <p>Jay Servais introduce himself and his experiences that have lead him to this position at this time.</p> <p>Introduction of April Calvin as the Assistant Director of the Metro Homeless Impact Division.</p> <p>Sally Lott reminded HPC members to respond to the Coordinated Entry survey.</p>	

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<p>VI. COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT REPORT</p>	<p>► Suzie Tolmie requested approval to submit the three NOFO submission responsibilities of the Collaborative Applicant.</p> <p>Paula Foster moved to approve the three additional responsibilities; Tom Turner seconded. All members in favor.</p> <p>Point in Time Count will be held on Thursday night, January 27th. If any members of the Homelessness Planning Council is interested, please contact Suzie Tolmie.</p> <p>Freddie O'Connell requested a solicitation to send to the Metro Council to sign up for the available spots of the count.</p>	
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VII. HMIS RELEASE OF INFORMATION UPDATE	<p>► The HMIS Oversight Committee has added updates to the Release of Information and Public Privacy notice.</p> <p>Rachel Cook, HMIS Manager, provided an overview of the updates and changes and answered several questions brought up by council members.</p> <p>A request to have the forms translated was made.</p> <p>A request was made for information about the racial and ethnic demographics of individuals experiencing homelessness and entered into HMIS across projects.</p> <p>Motion to approve the new forms was made by Karri Gornick with a second by Alaina Boyer. Mary Katherine Rand and Alex Smith abstained from the vote. All others in favor.</p>	
VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE	<p>► Laura Bermudez requested a motion for an ad-hoc committee to review and update the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Motion by Jeff Gibson with a second by Wendell Segroves. All voted in favor.</p> <p>MHID will work with Laura Bermudez to set up members of the ad-hoc committee</p>	
IX. DISCUSSION WITH HUD TA	<p>► Heather Dillashaw and Melissa Mikel from ICF as HUD Technical Assistance were in attendance to provide level-setting information for the Homelessness Planning Council about the role.</p> <p>Members of the HPC offered recognition and appreciation for Judy Tackett, former head of MHID, for all her years of dedication and service to the overall community.</p> <p>Members of the HPC shared concerns about the current state of affordable housing.</p> <p>Members of the HPC voiced the need to support a Bill that</p>	

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	<p>Council person Freddie O'Connell has introduced to Metro Council to create an Office of Housing and Homelessness.</p> <p>Freddie O'Connell asked HUD TA to share HUD's response to best practices for encampments. HUD TA has communicated to city leadership that is not a good practice move people from encampment to encampments.</p> <p>At this point the conversation moved to the role of the Homelessness Planning Council</p>	
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**X. HOMELESSNESS PLANNING
COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY
EVOLUTION DISCUSSION**

Several members of the HPC made a request to have a better understanding of the role.

Sandra Sepulveda shared some information about the Metro Council ARP fund committee and expressed a need for the HPC to provide input for the ARP committee to know specific needs and financial requests. There will be a joint meeting on November 17th.

Laura Bermudez requested for Council person Sepulveda to send the information to the Homelessness Planning Council.

Sandra Sepulveda also provided a reminder that Metro Council Members have discretion to approve affordable housing projects in their area and some are not currently approving those projects. HPC members asked Sandra Sepulveda to document how council members can participate in hearings and discussions among various Metro Council and committees on the topic of homelessness.

Paula Foster motioned for the HPC have a resolution and support the Bill 2021-971 to create an independent office of housing and homelessness. Seconded by Karri Gornick.

Paula Foster rescinded her motion with the understanding that a special meeting would be called.

Freddie O'Connell motioned, and Wendell Segroves seconded, for a special called meeting to discuss Bill 2021-971 prior to the next scheduled meeting on December 8th. Jay Servais will work to set up the special called meeting. All members approved.

Will Connelly expressed the need to create a lead entity that will be held accountable for ending homelessness in the community. The current Bill under consideration is a step in that direction but there will still be several entities with key

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	<p>functions.</p> <p>Freddie O'Connell provided information of the legislation.</p>	
XI. OTHER BUSINESS	▶	
XII. ADJOURNMENT	▶ 10:20a adjournment	