

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

<p>Council Members Present: Council Members Present: Donna DeStefano, Beth Shinn, Catherine Knowles, D’Yuanna Allen-Robb, Karri Gornick, Sheila Decker, Tracy Pekovitch, Freddi O’Connell, Erin Evans, Paula Foster, Laura Bermudez, Vicky Batcher, Jeff Gibson, Tom Turner, Ginger Hausser, Renee Pratt</p> <p>Staff: Janet Gilmore (MHID), Adrian Walter (MHID), Megan Vickers (MHID), Jay Servais (MHID) Derrick Smith (Metro Legal)</p>	<p>Date: April 13, 2022 Time: 8:00 a.m. Place: Vine Hill Towers</p> <p>Recorded by: Janet Gilmore</p>
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<p>I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE*, AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Laura Bermudez welcomed all attendees. Attendance was taken; Will Connelly , Paula Foster, Mary Katherine Rand, and Tom Turner stated conflicts of interest. <p>The anti-racism pledge was read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The names of people experiencing homelessness who have passed away during the past month were read, followed by a moment of silence. ▶ Laura provided an overview of her, April, and Jay’s meeting with the Mayor concerning those expericing homelessness. 	
<p>II. REPORT FROM MHID INTERIM DIRECTOR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MHID interim director provided a report on MHID staffing. MSS is looking at incentives to help keep staff and recruit staff. HMIS staffing will be filled soon. <p>Strategic Planning committee, hats off to you. Great discussion has been had.</p> <p>RFP is still being worked on.</p> <p>Encampment strategy workshop took place. It went well. HUD TA is finalizing the points that were mentioned at the meeting. A formation of a task force that will come up with a plan to safely close an encampment. Ask for encampment information to be placed in HMIS to make things easier for when encampments close.</p> <p>Talks have been had with police officers concerning how we can work together as one</p>	

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	<p>body concerning those experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Working with HUD TA in regards to using the remainder of the ESG finding.</p> <p>Shangula is still in the works. 100 units will be available, then 200 units will be available. They work on the MDHA vouchers. Property management and security will be included. Wrap around services will be on sight and funding is being discussed now. The first 90 units will be breaking ground next month. 2nd and Gay st. will be the location. Shangula partners with Step-up to provide housing. They buy two motels to start renovating. One hotel is for residents while the other is being renovated. Once those renovations are done, those residents will move in to the newly renovated. Once the renovations are complete, more residents will move in.</p> <p>The mayor makes the call on which encampments will be closed based on safety, health, and other concerns.</p>	
III. REPORT FROM MDHA COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A representative from MDHA provided a report from the awards. 	
IV. ADMINISTRATIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed. ▶ Governance Workshop-HUD TA moved the dates that were originally planned for the workshops. The new dates were given. An invitation to the entire planning council. How the committees functions, etc. ▶ MHID Director Position Announcement / Posting-The final draft for the final posting is completed. A representative from HPC will review and take concerns. Once HPC has reviewed the draft, the final draft will be posted. Paula will be the representative that will review and take concerns. Concerns were asked to be submitted by next Friday. 	
V. UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ HMIS Monthly Data- Gave an updated report on homelessness in Davidson County. The report was given to participants. ▶ Encampment Housing Workshop update (a public comment may be addressed) 	

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	<p>► Mayor’s Office Report-Had meeting with Mayor. Had a robust meeting. Stacy joined us during the meeting. Discussed where we are and where we need to go. Discussed the findings that Stacy has found. Looking at the timing of the new strategic plan. Pushing back the strategic planning about a month so that her findings could be incorporated. It was asked that HPC not support putting the work that is being done on hold. The recommendations from Stacy should be done by the end of May. The work of the community will still go on.</p> <p>The state is wanting to increase the hotel taxes to fund the new stadium. What would that look like for those experiencing homelessness living in hotel. How will that tax increase effect them.</p> <p>It was stated that we (HPC) needs to come up with a plan that will help combat the new bill getting ready to pass. This bill will crimate those sleeping in public places and anyone panhandling.</p> <p>It was suggested that the HPC looks at other cities outcomes before taking a vote. San Francisco gave those experiencing homelessness an ultimatum. Stay at a shelter or get arrested....but those individuals lost their stuff anyway.</p> <p>It was suggested that we still write the letter to the Governor, if the bill still passes, then a letter be written to the DA.</p> <p>A verbal discussion with the DA was suggested so that the response in writing from the DA could not be enforced by another party.</p> <p>A draft will be sent to Jay. Jay will allow the executive committee to finalize it.</p> <p>A motion was made to write a letter to the Governor, speaker, and lutenant governor about the bill.</p> <p>► Office of Planning-A scope on unified housing.</p>	
VI. NEW BUSINESS	<p>► Coordinated Entry Community Study and Workshops- Gave a report on how the assessment is going concerning the CE process. The evaluation will help better the CE</p>	

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	<p>process. The top three questions asked during the survey were discussed. Next step is to create a team that will create the new CE process. Technical assistance will be looked into if need be. Ethnicity will be taken into consideration with creating the CE process. Building a system that will accommodate every living situation.</p> <p>It was recommended that a coordinated entry representative participates in the next Strategic Planning Meeting.</p>	
VII. BOARD MATTERS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Strategic Plan Refresh- put into place in 2019. Very detailed and technical. Start with the four main goals that were stated in 2019. Refresh those goals and refocus. Next meeting is May 16th at 8am. Everyone can attend and feedback is welcomed. ▶ Consumer Advisory Board Public Comment-two comments received in the month of March. Anything regarding to encampments and rental issues were referred to MHID. Looking to remove the comment box in the public library. The CAB will determine who will speak at the next HPC meeting based on comment. A CAB member responds to the comment if contact information was left. ▶ Story of Progress (Shower The People, Meredith MacLeod Jaulin)- 17,000 showers, started laundry program, 2,000 meals, started a new program that helps those staying in Brookmeade transition to the housing navigation center. 	
VIII. OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Heros program has moved into the 1531 19th Ave. N. location. <p>Appreciation for the two hour meeting.</p>	
XII. ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Adjourned at xx 	NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2022

***We define racism as racial prejudice plus the misuse of power by systems and institutions (misuse can be intentional or unintentional). We are mindful of the racial inequities across housing, economic mobility, health care, criminal justice, and other systems. These all contribute to racial inequities in homelessness. I pledge to stay mindful of the power and privilege that I bring into every space that I enter and conversation that I have. I pledge to actively and intentionally practice antiracism when participating in the Homelessness Planning Council and all Committees in the CoC, representing this committee and the CoC in the community, and in talking about homelessness and housing issues in Nashville.**

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****There are three channels available for submitting comments to the HPC:**

- **Email address** NashvilleHomelessCouncil@gmail.com
- **Hub.nashville.gov** website (https://hub.nashville.gov/s/?language=en_US), there is a choice under Social Services & Housing called “Public Comment for the CoC Homelessness Planning Council.”
- **Suggestion box** located at the downtown branch of the Nashville Public Library, on the third floor in the Reference Library section.