

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

<p><b>Council Members Present:</b> Donna DeStefano, Alex Smith, Beth Shinn, Catherine Knowles, Dawn Deaner, Jaha Martin, Karri Gornick, Mary Katherine Rand, Sheila Decker, Tracy Pekovitch, Freddie O’Connell, Sandra Sepulveda, Will Connelly, Paula Foster, Laura Bermudez, Vicky Batchter, Wendell Segroves, Jeff Gibson, Treva Gilligan, Ginger Hausser</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> April Calvin (MHID), Angela Hubbard (Mayor’s Office), Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Jay Servias (MHID), Adrian Walter (MHID), and Megan Vickers (MHID)</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> May 11, 2022  <b>Time:</b> 8:00 a.m.  <b>Place:</b> Vine Hill Towers</p> <p>Recorded by: Adrian Walter</p>
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<p><b>I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE*, AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Laura Bermudez welcomed all attendees. Attendance was taken (See above). Karri Gornick, Mary Katherine Rand, Will Connelly, Paula Foster, Jeff Gibson, and Tom Turner all have ongoing conflicts of interest.</li> </ul> <p>The anti-racism pledge was read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The names of people experiencing homelessness who have passed away during the past month were read, followed by a moment of silence.</li> <li>▶ Laura provided no report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>II. REPORT FROM MHID INTERIM DIRECTOR</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Jay Servais answered follow up questions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>III. REPORT FROM MDHA COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The monitoring visits with the CoC funded agencies have begun. One on one questions will be asked to program directors. Scores from last year have been sent and will be sent out. A debriefing from HUD will take place tomorrow 11:30 to 12:30 virtually to learn more about how Nashville scored. Future best practice training will be done before the end of June. The founder of the Housing First approach will be visiting three agencies and provide a report on how those agencies are implementing the housing first approach.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IV. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Minutes from the April 13, 2022, meeting was reviewed. A few errors were found that needed to be fixed.</li> <li>▶ MHID Director Position Announcement / Posting has been posted. Posted on National sites as well as HUD TA recommended sites. The position will be posted for 30 days. Then the process of hiring will begin. The review committee will consist of the MSS Director, HPC</li> </ul>	

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	<p>appointed members, Executive Committee appointed members, Lived Experience appointed member, MDHA representative, Mayor’s office representative, MSS Commission Chair.</p> <p>MSS has several other positions posted for staff and support staff. Posted on hiring sites. Metro is looking into incentives that will be beneficial and allow us to stay active in the hiring market.</p> <p>There has not been a meeting for the Strategic Plan since the last HPC. The next one will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. (No update). HUD TA is conducting a survey on ESG-CV funding. The benefit cliff has been extended to September 2023. If Nashville receives more funding from underperforming communities, those funds will go until June 2024.</p> <p>Housing Cultivation- Due to turnover in our landlord engagement department, we are looking to promote from within and hire temps to fill the positions. Devising a 30/60/90-day plan to revitalize the department. 47% unit increase this year. Then a 74% landlord increase this year as well. Future funding from the mayor’s proposed budget is dedicated to this space.</p> <p>Things are moving along with Shangri-La. They will be in town next week to finalize plans.</p> <p>Permeant Supportive Housing via Metro is due to break ground within the month. There will be more information coming soon.</p> <p>There have been 3 camp closures by TDOT, the state, and CSX. We have reached out to all of them to make a connection so that we can work alongside them.</p>	
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<p><b>V. UPDATES</b></p>	<p>HMIS Monthly Data was given by April. There was an increase in housing numbers. Push of ESG funding. Discussed the different diverse populations. Richard, who is a consultant, is keeping up with HMIS reporting. Last month’s data will be sent to Laura.</p> <p>► Encampment Housing Workshop Review was presented. Melissa from HUD TA put the report together. The workshop included community members. Some of the highlights from the recommendation are as follows: MHID is going to be the coordinating agency. They will be notified when a closure is taking place and ensure communication with the HPC and</p>	
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	<p>partnering agencies. There will be an assessment done to determine the timeline of the enclosure. CE process would be prioritized by those who are in the encampment. Wrap around services will be provided once housed. Funding and the involvement of law enforcement is still being discussed. The final plan will be communicated to MHID leadership.</p> <p>Next steps: discussing the quadrant teams with partnering agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mayor’s Office Report- Metro just hired a new Director of Metro of Property. She will provide guidance by June 30. Working on a strategy for metro property and providing affordable housing. A future meeting to discuss groundbreaking plan for supportive housing. May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am is the hold date for the groundbreaking. If the date changes, everyone will be notified.</li> </ul> <p>The council is meeting in June. If the council does not substitute the mayor’s budget, it will automatically go into effect July 1. The Nashville study will be done at the end of the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Office of Planning -No updates were given. An email was sent with updates.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Point in Time Count press release was given to each participant. The press release summarizes the Point in Time count. The press release was read out loud while participants followed along.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Housing First Partners National Conference discussion will be moved to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VII. BOARD MATTERS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Performance Evaluation Committee- No update given. Moved to next meeting.</li> <li>▶ Consumer Advisory Board Public Comment -One comment was received that was referred to MHID for follow up.</li> <li>▶ Nominating Committee- Postponing the vote until June due to lack of communication from some of the nominees.</li> <li>▶ Story of Progress was a discussion about the Mayor and MSS’s budget. Additional</li> </ul>	

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	recommendations and questions can be sent to MHID. Discussion will continue next meetings before the council meets to finalize.	
<b>VIII. OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>► State Bill (SB16101/HB978)-Vicky proposed a task force. She shared that she has a plan. She would like a meeting to be held to identify temporary shelter to keep individuals from being arrested.</p>	<p>-A motion was made to create a task force with Vicky and Jay as the head. Jay and Vicky will provide an update at the next Planning Council Meeting.</p> <p>-All in favor, no opposing</p>
<b>XII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>► Adjourned at 10:05 am</p>	<b>NEXT MEETING: June 8</b>

**\*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.**

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

- **Email address** [NashvilleHomelessCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:NashvilleHomelessCouncil@gmail.com)
- **Hub.nashville.gov** website ([https://hub.nashville.gov/s/?language=en\\_US](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.