

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

<p><b>Council Members Present:</b> Vicky Batchter, Renee Pratt, Ginger Hauser, Will Connelly, Suzie Tolmie, Beth Shinn, Treva Gilligan, Tom Turner, Waddell Wright, Jeff Gibson, Laura Ferguson Mims, Erin Evans, Kennetha Patterson, D’Yuanna Allen Robb, Stephen Handy, Kyonzte Toombs</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> April Calvin (MHID), Matthew Garth (Metro Legal), Allison Malone (MHID) and Megan Vickers (MHID)</p>	<p><b>Date: September 14th</b>  <b>Time: 8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Place: Historic Courthouse</b>  <b>Recorded by: Megan Vickers</b></p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECCOMENDATION/ACTION
<b>I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE*, AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b>	<p>▶ Jaha Martin welcomed all attendees. Attendance was taken (See above). Will Connelly, Jeff Gibson, Tom Turner noted to have conflicts of interest.</p> <p>The anti-racism pledge was read.</p> <p>▶ The names of people experiencing homelessness who have passed away during the past month were read, followed by a moment of silence.</p>	
<b>II. REPORT FROM MHID INTERIM DIRECTOR</b>	<p>▶ April acknowledged her excitement to be stepping into this new role as interim director. It was noted that there were several open positions at MHID. April noted that ESG funds were extended until 2023. April acknowledged that ICF HUD TA’s tenure with Nashville is ending at the end of the month. It was noted that a new website hosting software is being looked at for the Low Barrier Housing Collective. April noted all the areas of progress and ongoing work that this committee and MHID have been undertaking.</p>	
<b>III. REPORT FROM MDHA COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT</b>	See Notes under PEC Update	

<p><b>IV. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p>	<p>▶ Minutes from the August 2022 meeting was reviewed. No corrections noted at this time.</p>	
<p><b>V. UPDATES</b></p>	<p>▶ HMIS Monthly Data was reviewed by Hannah Cornejo Nell. It was highlighted that 2,078 have been housed in the past twelve months.</p> <p>▶ MHID Director Position Update: Renee Pratt acknowledged April Calvin for taking over as Interim Director while the search for a permanent director continues. Jay Servais’s service as interim director was also acknowledged. It was noted that this position is being reposted by the end of the day today and some other specifics have been added now that this director will be over a standalone department.</p> <p>▶ Update from the Mayor’s Office: Ginger Hauser provided an update on the proposed 50-million-dollar investment from the Mayors Office. It was noted that there will be a meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> that all are invited to attend that will be an opportunity to get information and ask questions. The 4 pieces of legislation will be back in front of the council on October 5<sup>th</sup> to be voted on.</p> <p>▶ Update from Angie Hubbard: Ginger Hausser was able to provide the update for Angie as she was unable to attend. The planning division will attend the COVID oversight committee today with a \$30 million dollar request for affordable housing. An event is being hosted downtown to support the request for more housing.</p>	
<p><b>VI. NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>▶ Strategic Plan Committee Update: It was noted that this committee has been focused on revamping and updating the Strategic Plan. It was the hope that this new Strategic Plan would charge the committees themselves with more of an action plan. The public comments that have been received were reviewed and major concerns landed in two major areas. These areas being that the plan is not specific enough with measurables and that we should wait to see what the federal plan is later this month before creating a plan. Jeff offered up two options to move forward with the plan as established and allow the committees to be the experts in creating these measurables and metrics or involving another body of experts involved in next steps. The floor was opened for discussion. Council woman Tombs and Dr. Laura Ferguson Mims both agreed that the plan makes the most sense as is</p>	<p>D’Yuanna Allen-Robb motioned to not adopt the draft as is and Will Connelly seconded. Motion approved.</p>

	<p>and allows the people closest to the work to decide these metrics and measurables. Dr. Beth Shinn requested that we have more measures included in this document and that we define what words like brief and rare mean in context of ending homelessness. It was voted to not accept the draft as its proposed today but with the plan to add more metrics and measurables. It was voted on to not adopt this draft as written with an understanding that a plan will be made to get more expertise involved and establish</p> <p>► Performance Evaluation Committee: The CoC funding was presented, and a handout provided to all board members. Karri Dietz and Stephanie Cooper presented the PEC’s finding and noted that only change made was the Salvation Army New application for DV Bonus to the bottom of the list. It was explained that this was done because they applied for a DV project that was bonus funding and may come from a different pot of money. It was asked that the board approve the rankings as is. A motion was made by Stephen Handy and a second by Beth Shinn.</p> <p>► HUD TA: Cloudburst HUD TA’s were able to introduce themselves to the body and explain their role moving forward.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Stephen Handy and was seconded by Beth Shinn. Jeff Gibson and Will Connelly have abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest. Motion was approved.</p>
<p><b>VII. BOARD MATTERS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES</b></p>	<p>► Shelter Committee: Cathy Jennings provided two packets to the board members and reviewed with the group. Cathy noted that the \$9 million for temporary housing is what was discussed and provided information on community involvement and input. The goal for this money is to serve 1,000 people and provide more support for those that are unsheltered. It was noted that this body would like to expand the Mobile Housing Navigation Centers to 7 total and to take over all the rooms available at the Roadway Motel. It was noted that this committee does not recommend that the micro housing units be funded with this money but that those types of housing options could be valuable to expand Mobile Housing Navigation Center. The committee requested that the board vote to recommend that Metro include money in their budget every year for temporary housing to keep this work moving forward. Cathy requested that the board read the provided packets and give feedback via email.</p>	<p>A motion was made to recognize the work the committee has done and officially support the recommendations made by this body.</p>

	<p>▶ Consumer Advisory Board Public Comment: No public comments were received this month.</p> <p>▶ Story of Progress: Jaha provided our story of progress. It was noted that our community has been working with Built for Zero to end Veteran homelessness. Our community now has an additional 74 units at Glastonbury Woods for veterans experiencing homelessness.</p>	
<b>VIII. OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Waddell Wright noted that the housing study with Earnest Young has been taking place and so far about 360 properties owned by Metro that may be affordable housing in the future.</p> <p>Will Connelly noted that Park Center has recently been granted Barnes funds to develop affordable housing and invited</p>	
<b>XII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>▶ Adjourned at 10:02 am</p>	<b>NEXT MEETING: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022</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.