

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

<p>Council Members Present: Catherine Knowles, Stephen Handy, Dr. Laura Ferguson Mims, Jaha Martin, Wendell Seagroves, Will Connelly, Waddell Wright, Karri Gornick, Alex Smith, Kennetha Patterson, Jeff Gibson, Beth Shinn, Erin Evans, Kyonzte Toombs.</p> <p>Staff: Ginger Hausser, April Calvin, Suzie Tolmie, Hannah Cornejo-Nell, Karin Weaver, Vai Sreenivasan, Megan Vickers, Chantelle Owens, Giovanni Achoe, Kimberly Bowden, Keith Alexander, Harriet Wallace, Allison Malone.</p>	<p>Date: December 14th, 2022 Time: 8:00 a.m. Place: Jury Assembly Room</p> <p>Recorded by: Megan Vickers</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECCOMENDATION/ACTION
<p>I. WELCOME, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MOMENT OF SILENCE, MINUTES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Jaha Martin Opens-Gratitude and advised to focused on what brings us here and working together. Thank you for being here! Reminded council of the importance of attendance. Jaha Martin takes attendance. ▶ Jaha Martin lists the names of those lost due to homelessness and we shared a moment of silence. 	
<p>II. REVIEW MINUTES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Review of minutes. No noted corrections. 	
<p>III. Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ April Calvin: April noted that MHID is currently working to hire several new employees including Outreach Workers and Landlord Engagement. April Calvin reviewed the current funding opportunities and the taskforce from the Mayor’s Office that will monitor the new \$50 million in funding. An update was provided about the new incentives being offered through the Landlord Engagement Department. April Calvin reminded the Board of The Homeless Memorial this weekend and encouraged those to attend. April Calvin provided an update about Cold Weather Shelter and noted that this year will be a record high of open shelter nights. April Calvin reported that there is a concern for individuals on the SOR and youth seeking shelter on cold weather nights. April Calvin provided an update on the prioritization and letter given to residents at Brookmeade Park. It was requested that weekly updates were given to the board to keep everyone informed 	

	<p>of who in the park and who is moving into housing weekly. A board member inquired about opportunities for peer support to be involved in our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Suzie Tolmie: An update was provided on the two competitions for HUD funding, we will get confirmation sometime in the next two months hopefully. Suzie Tolmie provided information about the PIT count and went over current needs for the count. Hannah Cornejo-Nell was able to provide an update about the sheltered count and changes to the data being gathered this year. A concern was noted about gathering names and DOBs and law enforcement being involved in the count. 	
IV. UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ HMIS Monthly Data: Hannah Cornejo-Nell was able to provide an update on this month's numbers in relation to last year. A handout was provided to board members with several data points. It was reported that 106 moved into permanent housing in November. Vai Sreenivasan, from the HMIS team provided an update the Data Quality in our community. A handout was provided to the board and Vai Sreenivasan was able to review the major points. A question was asked about the HMIS vender RFP and the status of where it stands. It was reported that this process will restart in the spring. ▶ MHID Director Position Update: April Calvin was able to provide an update in place of Renee. Next week the executive committee will meet and review applications. ▶ Mayors Office Report: A brief update was given on the \$25 million. Ginger Hausser was able to provide an update on Shangri La purchasing property and repurposing for affordable housing. It was noted that they are currently working through the zone change to provide more PSH. Ginger Hausser noted that the State has recently spent some time with the Mayor's Office to see if the State can provide any additional financial support in addressing homelessness in our city. Ginger Hausser also noted that there have been several meetings regarding 95 Wallace Road and improving the safety in the immediate region. A question was posed about the States involvement with youth sheltering and Karin Weaver was able to provide a short update. A member noted that there has been a 20% increase in students being served by the HERO Program in the last year. Another member noted that TANF may be able to be used to support families/youth in our community. 	
V. Questions & Answers		
VI. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Jaha called for a vote to approve PIT methodology. Beth Shinn approved and Stephen Handy seconded. Motion passed. ▶ Governance Update: Jaha Martin was able to provide an update on the recommendations from HUD TA. It was noted that HUD TA suggested some committee restructuring to limit the number of committees. Feedback was solicited from the 	PIT Methodology was approved

	<p>committee chairs and the executive committee will review. Jaha Martin noted that the board will need to vote on this restructuring hopefully in January. It was also noted there is no current plan for accountability of our Charter and Bylaws. A member noted concern about needing more community input and conversations before any changes are made to the Charter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Shelter Committee Update: Cathy Jennings was able to provide an update on current cold weather sheltering. Cathy Jennings encouraged providers to consider sending staff to help at WeGo station to assist with transportation. It was noted a recommendation was made for adding signage on a bus to promote cold weather shelter and provide more information. Cathy Jennings reported that the Women’s Mission currently has 270 families, and they are incredibly stretched in trying to provide sheltering. A concern was also noted about sheltering youth and Cathy Jennings encouraged thinking outside of the box and to submit any ideas to her. ▶ Strategic Plan Refresh: Jeff Gibson provided a short update and noted that Hannah Cornejo-Nell and Dr. Beth Shinn have been working on this. Jeff Gibson invited anyone who wants to be involved to email Hannah Cornejo-Nell or Allison Malone to review the metrics in the Strategic Plan. ▶ Stephen Handy wants to join Strategic Plan Refresh. ▶ Equity and Diversity: A training was offered on December 9th for the C-Suite providers, and it was a successful event. It was noted that it was disappointing that more C suite level leadership did not attend and more conversation about racial equity will continue. 	
<p>VII. OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Story of progress- Waddell Wright offered a story of progress in employing veterans in building affordable housing. He encouraged the board to reach out to OSDTN if volunteers or employees are needed. 	
<p>XIII. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Adjourned 10:10am 	<p>NEXT MEETING: Jan. 11th 2023 Sunny West Howard BLDG. 8:00AM-10:00AM</p>

***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 two channels available for submitting comments to the HPC:**

- **Email address** NashvilleHomelessnessCouncil@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.”

Dr. Stephan Handy would like to join Strategic Plan Refresh.