

## **Continuum of Care Veterans Workgroup**

January 9th, 2024, 2:30 to 4pm  
Operation Stand Down Tennessee  
1125 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

### **Agenda:**

- Equity Statement
- Introductions
- Review of minutes from December meeting
- Data review from OHS
- Built for Zero Update
- Federal Criteria and Benchmarks to end Veteran Homelessness work
- Agency Updates
- Other Business
- Request to change meeting location
- Next meeting-Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm-4pm, location TBD

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.

### **Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness-Next Steps**

Criteria #1: The Community has identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Offer trainings to outreach workers regarding proper terminology
- Offer trainings to outreach workers regarding connecting Veterans to resources

Criteria #2: The Community provides shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it.

Next Steps:

- Improving system for GPD referrals
- Connect to DV network
- Improved connections to family shelter system
- Increase family shelters/housing

Criteria #3: The Community provides service intensive transitional housing only in limited instances.

Next Steps:

- Reduce length of stay in GPD
- Right size GPD referrals
- Integrate Veteran resources/services more fully with Coordinated Entry
- Reduce length of time to get into permanent housing