

Continuum of Care Veterans Workgroup

March 12th, 2024, 2:30 to 4pm

Operation Stand Down Tennessee, New Multipurpose Room

1125 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

- **Equity Statement**
- **Introductions**
- **Review of Minutes from February Meeting**
- **Data review from OHS and MDHA**
- **Built for Zero Update**
- **Federal Criteria and Benchmarks to End Veteran Homelessness**
 - *Criteria #5: The community has resources, plans, partnerships, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or be at risk of homelessness in the future.*
 - *The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place for identifying and addressing the housing and services needs of: 1) Veterans entering or returning to homelessness, and 2) Veterans at risk of homelessness. That means:*
 - *a) The community is routinely using multiple data sources and conducting comprehensive outreach and engagement efforts to identify and assist homeless and at-risk Veterans and to understand where Veterans are entering the system.*
 - *b) The community has an adequate level of resources and the capacity to provide appropriate services that will, whenever possible, prevent homelessness for at-risk Veterans.*
 - *c) The community has an adequate level of resources and appropriate plans and services in place to continue to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing and to promote the long-term housing stability of all Veterans who have entered permanent housing.*
 - What are we doing well?
 - What is in process?
 - What needs work?
 - Next steps
- **Agency Updates**
- **Other Business**
- **Next Meeting** - Tuesday, April 9th, 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.