

COC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Location: 10:00 am

Attendees: JeCarta Suggs. BHI: Aaron Hilton, Friends for All: Elizabeth Wesley CMI Case Management INC: Darren S. Bell Alliance Healthcare Services: Marshe' Taylor Shot Rx: Taurus Patton CMI; Angela V. Payne Case Management INC; Chris Marshall Family Safety Center of Memphis/Shelby County; Valarie Mitchner, Friends for All: Sherika Barnett, Alpha Omega Veterans Services; Vandi Walker AOVS; Chelsea Baton Hope House; Lawrence Wilson Behavioral Health Initiatives; Liz Fletcher Alliance Healthcare Services, STAY; Janice Taylor Baptist Operation Outreach; Toriella Jackson CCWTN; Ann Terry United Way; Katrill Braden CMI Healthcare Services; Erika Sheffield Department of Children's Services; Porsha Goodman Door of Hope; Erin Gillylen CAAP, Inc; Melinda Jones; Tanisha Joyner CAFTH; Sandra Norman St. John's Community Services; Emma Boehme-Grant CAFTH; Ben Rhodes Promise Development Corp; Vaniel Simmons CAFTH; MaLika McGowan MIFA; Angie Galyean Hope House; Jane Hooks Alliance Healthcare Services STAY housing; Carolyn Trimble Love Doesn't Hurt; Sharon Hyde Green & Healthy Homes Initiative; Cheryl Marsh Green & Healthy Homes Initiative: Mary Hamlett MIFA: Stephanie Presley Youth Navigator with LeBonheur: Ceaira Brunson Agape; Brianna Finch Promise Development Corporation; Adrian Hall P.E.A.R.L. With You, Inc; Marian Bacon Lived Experience Committee; Twana Whitlock United Way; Kelsey Olive OUT Memphis; Toni Johnson CCWTN; Teresa McClatchey Homeless Youth Navigator-Communities in Schools Memphis; Natalie Jarvis CAFTH; Christina Mottley AOVS; Errin Woods CAFTH; Stephanie Reves CAFTH.

Darren S. Bell (Alliance Healthcare Services) opened the meeting @10:02 am. Greetings and new committee chairs were introduced.

There was a motion to approve the minutes. Melinda Jones (CMI Healthcare Services) approved the motion. The motion was seconded by Porsha Goodman (DOH).

Lead agency updates:

- Internal Directory and requesting an update on information from partners. This is key for the CoC to include staff and program changes and how organizations can get in touch with the proper agency.
- Consortium Membership renewal reminder.

Committee Reports

HMIS Committee: No report.

CoC Planning Committee: Darren Bell provided an update from the meeting on 5/21/24. Natalie from CAFTH presented the Language Access Plan for the consortium. Members also completed



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a Google document for the internal directory and another document for committee nominations. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/15/24.

Youth Committee: Natalie shared details about an upcoming youth and provider mixer, designed as an opportunity for YAB (Youth Action Board) and YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program) to connect and collaborate with service providers.

Veterans Committee: Jackie reported on the ongoing Oregon vs. Johnson case, which focuses on the potential incarceration of unhoused individuals. The committee is monitoring the situation closely to ensure veterans in Memphis are not unjustly incarcerated. Jeff provided updates on the upcoming Challenge event, where community partners can engage with veterans.

Affordable Housing Committee: This committee has been dissolved. However, there will now be a quarterly housing provider huddle to ensure ongoing collaboration.

Youth Action Board (YAB): Vaniel reported that the committee discussed an incoming grant and plans for its allocation, as well as participation in the youth mixer event.

Healthcare Committee: Janice expressed concerns about the hospital discharge process for those experiencing homelessness. Patients are being discharged without access to safe housing. The committee is working to compile data to present to the mayor and other key stakeholders. They also plan to develop an anonymous form to gather relevant information.

Outreach Committee: Taurus discussed the need to better understand the HMIS system and its data points. The committee explored ways to improve access and ensure alignment with coordinated entry processes.

Family Committee: Toni Johnson reported no new updates from the family committee.

Lived Experience Committee: Marian provided an update on the development of a resource guide for individuals experiencing homelessness.

New Business/Old Business:



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Stephanie led a discussion on the CoC grant, including updates on timelines and submission deadlines. Errin provided details on the 2-year NOFO Process Application, followed by a discussion on project policy priorities and potential changes to funded projects.

Good News/Agency Updates:

CAFTH welcomed Vaniel Simmons as the newest member of their team.

The VA nationally is prioritizing hiring veterans with lived experiences.

Discussion of the new MATA system and how that will impact the clients we serve.

The city of Memphis is doing community wide strategic planning.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:01 AM.