

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the roles and initiatives of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Housing Team at the Community Alliance for the Homeless (CAFTH) in Memphis and Shelby County. The CES Housing Team is dedicated to securing and maintaining affordable housing by collaborating with property owners, landlords, housing providers, and other community partners. This policy establishes the structure and objectives of various meetings and events organized by the CES Housing Team to support housing providers, address housing barriers, and foster partnerships that enhance affordable housing opportunities.

FORMS

There are no forms related or required for this Policy

POLICY

The CES Housing Team at the CAFTH plays a crucial role in securing and sustaining affordable housing for individuals and families in Memphis/ Shelby County. This team engages with property owners, landlords, and community partners to identify and expand affordable housing opportunities. The CES Housing team holds regular meetings and events to facilitate collaboration and share insights among housing providers.

Population Specific CES Housing Case Manager Meeting(s)

The housing navigator facilitates population specific meetings to case conferences and provide support to CoC Housing case managers who have clients matched to their programs. All matches are reviewed and discussed, identifying any barriers and sustaining housing inside the CoC program. The intention of these meetings is to provide support and technical assistance to housing case managers to meet the needs of CES participants to pursue housing sustainability within the CES.

Housing Huddle

CAFTH Housing Huddle is held quarterly. The goal of the huddle is to bring together all of our partnered housing providers to discuss different aspects of affordable housing. Topics can include areas of need, best practices, new opportunities, challenges faced, and collaborative solutions. This forum aims to foster open communication, share valuable

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insights, and strengthen partnerships, ultimately enhancing our collective efforts to provide affordable housing.

Property Partners & Housing Support Social

The Property Partners & Housing Support Social Events will be held on a less-thanquarterly basis. The purpose of this event is to facilitate networking and collaboration between our partnered providers, partnered landlords and property owners. In addition to networking, the event will provide opportunities for providers to engage with landlords and property owners through a structured Q&A session. Additionally, there will be opportunities for special guests with expertise in affordable housing to appear, offering valuable insights that could benefit both partnered providers and landlords/property owners.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- **CES Housing Team Role**: The CES Housing Team at CAFTH is pivotal in identifying and expanding affordable housing options by engaging with landlords, property owners, and community partners. Their efforts are focused on securing sustainable housing for individuals and families in need.
- **Population-Specific CES Housing Case Managers Meetings**: These meetings are designed to support CoC housing case managers by addressing barriers to housing and providing technical assistance. The goal is to ensure housing sustainability for CES participants by reviewing matches and discussing challenges.
- Housing Provider Huddle: Held quarterly, this huddle brings together all partnered housing providers to discuss affordable housing challenges, best practices, and new opportunities. The forum encourages open communication and strengthens partnerships to enhance collective efforts in providing affordable housing.
- **Property Partners & Housing Support Social**: This less-than-quarterly event facilitates networking and collaboration between housing providers and landlords/property owners. It includes structured Q&A sessions and opportunities for learning from experts in affordable housing, aiming to build stronger relationships and improve housing outcomes.