

Attendees: Dana Brooks (CCWTN), Porsha Goodman (Door of Hope), Cornelius Sanders (Promise), Elizabeth Johnson (CMI), Tamara Hendrix (H.O.P.E.), Gail Hunter (Tranzendence House), Emily Canon (AHS), Marilyn Prewitt (AOVS), Demetria Reed (AOVS), Emily Connell (VA), Mary Hamlett (MIFA), Vanessa Anderson (SHIELD), Shamberly Kindred (Promise), JeCarta Suggs (BHI), Cheré Bradshaw (CAFTH), Shawnta Ellison (CMI), Jonquil Johnson (CMI), Ceaira Brunson (Agape), Kimberly Mitchell (City of Memphis), Katrice Warner (City of Memphis), Kenyarda Jackson (City of Memphis), Shirley McClain (YWCA), Mia Cotton (FFL), Ursula Thomas (CMI/PATH), Kellie Cole (CAFTH), Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Porsha Goodman.

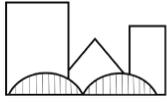
Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning Committee meeting in August were reviewed. With a motion from Emily Connell and a second from Mary Hamlett the minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements and Discussion

- **Opioid Informational and Overdose Prevention Training:** Josh Weil, Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist with the Memphis Area Prevention Coalition presented a training on Opioid Informational and Overdose Prevention, including NARCAN. He is available to provide trainings on an agency-level as well, so agencies are encouraged to contact him (ropsmemphis@gmail.com) if interested in scheduling one.
- **Rank & Review Debrief:** Porsha presented a debrief from the Rank & Review and CoC Competition Process. Notes from the Rank & Review committee included that they took into serious consideration when prioritizing renewal projects whether or not low-scoring projects submitted the optional explanatory document with comments. Additionally, Porsha reminded everyone that project scorecards and Rank & Review Policies & Procedures are updated and approved annually before and during the CoC NOFA Competition process. If agencies are interested in scheduling an individual debrief time with CAFTH, they should contact Grant.

Mia Cotton raised a concern with the focus on gaining employment and increasing income sections of the scorecard, noting that there is little leverage to encourage increased income through employment especially for clients who receive Social Security or other monthly benefits. She also raised concerns about the focus on lowering cost per unit, noting that providing a lot of strong supportive services and security is expensive, and that cheap is not always the best results. Regarding employment, Porsha encouraged everyone to attend the quarterly Employment Committee meetings to discuss issues and learn ways to connect clients to employment. Kellie Cole reminded everyone that HUD guidelines and policy



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priorities in the NOFA are re-examined each year when developing scoring procedures, and that recent years have included a stronger push on employment income. Ceaira Brunson raised a concern that if additional comments to the Rank & Review Committee are optional, she feels it's unfair for the Committee to negatively view projects that do not submit the comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am with no further discussion.