



Attendees: JeCarta Suggs (BHI), Ceaira Brunson (Agape), Rich Bennett (SJCS), Shawnta Ellison (CMI), Melinda Jones (CMI), Jonquil Johnson (CMI), Stephanie Williams (MIFA), Porsha Goodman (DOH), Amanda Cox (State of TN), Stephanie Bell (OUTMemphis), Liz Fletcher (AHS), Toni Johnson (CCWTN), Emily Connell (VA), Cheré Bradshaw (CAFTH), Ursula Thomas (CMI/PATH), Katherine Lewis (CMI), Shearry Bobo (SHIELD), Jewel Weatherspoon (AOVS)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Porsha Goodman.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning Committee meeting in January 2020 were reviewed. With a motion from Shawnta Ellison and a second from Liz Fletcher the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations and Discussion

- **Serving Sex Offenders:** Amanda Cox with the TN Department of Corrections presented information on serving individuals required to be on the sex offender registry. Ms. Cox is an employment/resource specialist working in a specialized unit for sex offenders. She reported that out of the 490 offenders who register at their office on Knight Arnold, 25% register as homeless.

Ms. Cox covered the housing regulations for sex offenders, which are that the housing unit must be 1000 feet from a school, park, or daycare (including a home daycare if licensed and bonded); she recommended using the Drug Free Zone map to determine if a unit meets these regulations since requirements are the same (<https://tbidrugfreezones.tbi.tn.gov/>). Additionally, rooming houses are acceptable, but there can only be a maximum of three registered sex offenders at one location. She reported that generally every offender under supervision must register quarterly, unless required to register annually by a judge, or if they are homeless, in which case they must register monthly. She stated that registration requirements and status can be checked online at sor.tbi.tn.gov.

There was a question about federal housing regulations that prohibited lifetime registered sex offenders from being served in subsidized housing; Grant clarified that this rule only applies to public housing units, and this rule explicitly does not apply to CoC-funded programs, who must accept clients even if on the sex offender registry, unless the program serves children in the same building, or if the program's building is not within the 1000 feet regulations. There was a question about removal from the registry; Ms. Cox reported that although an individual can petition to be removed from the registry, this is extremely unlikely to be approved in the state of Tennessee.

Those with additional questions can contact Ms. Cox at Amanda.J.Cox@tn.gov.



- **LIVEGIVEmidsouth:** Cheré Bradshaw reported that beginning this program competition year, agencies will be required to have a reviewed application on the LIVEGIVEmidsouth website run by the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis. She explains that HUD requires collaborative applicants to review financial and other eligibility documents, and that using this platform will allow for greater ease without requiring agencies to provide extra copies during the competition. This will also apply to the Mayors' Action Plan Implementation Grant (AIG) competition, for which applications will be released in March. Additional information on help sessions and resources from CFGM is available at <https://www.livegivemidsouth.org/nonprofits--training/>.
- **Agency Updates/Good News:** Shawnta Ellison reported that a client in her program recently got a permanent well-paying job and has officially moved onto self-sufficiency.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am with no further discussion.