

Facilitator: Grant Ebbesmeyer, CAFTH

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Grant Ebbesmeyer; Porsha Goodman, Chair, was unavailable to facilitate the meeting.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning meeting in August were reviewed. With a motion from Mary Hamlett, and a second from Liz Fletcher the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations & Discussion

a. Housing First Team (HFT)

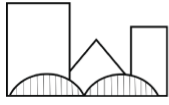
Natlin Bauer presented information on the services available through the Housing First Team, which can provide mental health support to clients currently housed in or with an active referral to a CoC- or ESG-funded program. The Team provides an additional layer of support on top of the case management support provided by the housing agency, which can include psychiatric evaluations, medication management, individual therapy, case management services, clothing, MATA reduced fares, gaining income, and working toward sobriety. To refer an individual to HFT, the housing program should email coordinatedentry@cafth.org with the client name, contact information, and name of the program in which they are enrolled.

b. HUD Regulatory Waivers & Federal Updates

Grant provided information on HUD's new CoC Regulatory Waivers issued September 30, 2020. He reviewed slides on each of the waivers from a presentation given by HUD, which are available at <https://files.hudexchange.info/course-content/covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-office-hours-october-2/Office-Hours-COVID-19-Planning-and-Response-Slides-October-2-2020.pdf>.

The CPD Memo with additional information on the waivers is available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6169/cpd-memo-availability-of-additional-waivers-for-cpd-grant-programs-to-prevent-the-spread-of-covid19-and-mitigate-economic-impacts-caused-by-covid19-september-30/>.

To utilize a waiver, agencies need to send a waiver request to CPD_COVID-19WaiverKN@HUD.gov with the requestor name, title, and contact info; date on which the agency intends to first use the waiver flexibility (must be 2 days after sending request); and list of waiver flexibilities the agency intend to use. Agencies do not need to wait for response or approval from HUD to utilize the waiver. If an agency had already requested a waiver that has now been extended, the agencies does need to send a new notification.



c. **HUD Housing Counseling**

THDA can provide assistance with HUD Housing Counseling certification. Additional information is available at <https://thda.org/homeownership-partners/housing-counseling-and-education-providers/placeholder-headline-hbei-providers>

Agency Updates

The floor was opened for updates from anyone in attendance. No attendees provided any updates.

Grant announced that Shelby County CSA is hosting a virtual update seminar on Wednesday, October 21, and the City of Memphis HCD is hosting a State of Memphis Virtual Housing Summit on Thursday, October 29.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am with no further discussion.