

Attendees: Jessica Morton (MIFA), Carolyn Cervero (MIFA), Cornelius Sanders (Promise), Tavoris Griffin (Promise), Patricia McGee (Agape), Dana Brooks (CCWTN), Tyesha Golden (Agape), Yuronda Powell (Promise), Shawnta Ellison (CMI), Liz Fletcher (AHS), Katherine Lewis (CMI), JeCarta Suggs (BHI), Emily Connell (VA), Shamberly Kindred (Promise), Emily Canon (AHS), Melinda Jones (CMI), Herman Dickey (CAFTH), Ryan Van Dinter (HCD), Joe Armstrong (HCD), Yolonda Fuller (Promise), Jewel Weatherspoon (AOVS), Ursula Thomas (CMI PATH), Shirley McClain (YWCA), Ceaira Brunson (Agape), Mia Cotton (FFL), Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am by Cornelius Sanders. The meeting began with introductions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

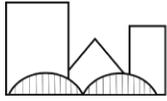
The minutes from the last CoC Planning Committee meeting in November 2019 were reviewed. With a motion from Mary Hamlett and a second from JeCarta Suggs the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation

Emily Connell, Memphis VAMC Coordinated Entry Specialist presented on the structure of the VA nationally and locally, as well as services available and how to access them.

Committee Reports

- **CoC Planning:** In October the committee held a NARCAN Training by Joshua Weil and discussed the NOFA Process/Rank & Review Debrief. For the November meeting the group discussed the VAWA and Domestic Violence housing updates, CoC program and income requirements, and the upcoming Point-in-Time count on January 22, 2020.
- **Families/Youth (EHP):** Jessica Morton reported that the group is working on strategies for increasing income for clients, and presenting information on community partners like The Collective that can assist with this.
- **Single Adults:** A new chair for the committee has been named, Tavoris Griffin with Promise. The group will begin meeting again on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm at MIFA. The first meeting back will be January 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm.
- **Employment:** Herman Dickey reported that the group is working to address challenges in achieving performance goals related to earned income. Tiffany Lewis with the American Job Center was at the last meeting presenting on services available there including educational/training opportunities. The group has also been discussing challenges connecting to employment, especially sex offender status. In 2020, the group will focus on implementing strategies developed by USICH and other federal resources.



- **Veterans:** Emily Connell reported that the Veterans' By-Name List program is active in Clarity, and the group plans to start meeting in-person again soon after the new year.
- **HMIS:** A new chair for the committee has been named, Toni Johnson with CCWTN. The group is working on preparing for PIT/HIC. Forms for programs to complete and return will be sent via email.

Voting

Amendments to the Consortium By-Laws were presented for approval. Consortium members had the opportunity to vote electronically in the two weeks leading up to the meeting. 18 votes were received electronically, and 5 additional votes were collected in person. All 23 votes were in favor of approving the proposed amendments, and the amendments passed as presented.

Announcements

Grant discussed plans for the upcoming PIT Count, which will take place on January 22, 2020, and encouraged those who had not yet signed-up for a volunteer shift to do so.

There was additional discussion on the format of weekly By-Name List/Housing Prioritization meetings. Ursula and Yolonda recommended a mixture of in-person and virtual meetings, meeting potentially once per month in person. Emily suggested going back to in-person meetings with an option to call-in or join electronically, and Liz seconded this suggestion. Grant advised that CAFTH will work to gather additional community feedback and potentially present a plan for changing this format based on responses.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am with no further discussion.