

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 (11:00 am)
Community Foundation of Greater
Memphis

CoC Planning Committee Meeting

MEMPHIS & SHELBY COUNTY HOMELESS CONSORTIUM



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07am by Liz Fletcher. Liz began today's meeting with introductions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October planning committee meeting were reviewed. With a motion from Dana Brooks and a second by Stephanie Bell, the minutes were approved with no corrections.

Training/Community Presentation

Phyllis Lewis, the LGBTQ Navigator/Liaison for the Family Safety Center, gave a training on Domestic Violence and the LGBTQ community.

Local Events/Updates

Liz informed the committee that CSH has some valuable training resources through their website that may be of interest to committee members found at: <https://csh.csod.com>. Herman Dickey went on to give an introduction of the new Coordinated Entry Facilitator Kevin Woods with Community Alliance for the Homeless. Herman informed the committee that all agencies in the consortium should also be involved in at least one committee, and more information regarding that would follow. Herman gave an update on the 2019 PIT Count, which will be held on Wednesday January 23rd and the point place this year will be Calvary Episcopal Church which is a change from previous years. Volunteer registration for the PIT Count will open prior to Christmas. For the mainstream vouchers, Herman informed the committee to continue thinking of those in programs ready to move on from PSH and more details on the process would be coming soon. The December CoC Planning meeting will be held at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, and any fun or exciting ideas for the meeting should be passed on to Kellie Cole.

Federal News

Herman gave an update from the Miami CoC Lead Agency Conference attended by Kellie. The federal strategic plan has increased focus on diversion strategies and learning from lived experiences. The national goals for ending homelessness in order of priority are: ending veteran homelessness, ending chronic homelessness with a disability, ending family

homelessness, ending youth homelessness, and ending homelessness among all other individuals. The Solutions For Individual Homeless Adults Conference from February 20-22nd of 2019 is full for registration but those still interested can sign up on a waiting list. HUD has also announced that it will be placing a strong focus on monitoring for programs receiving HUD funding. HUD will increase the use of risk analysis annually for projects to identify areas of concern and who they need to schedule additional meetings with. To help prepare for this process, Herman informed the committee that Community Alliance for the Homeless will make the CoC Wellness Checklist more readily available for programs.

Small Group Breakout and Reporting

The committee then broke into two groups: one to discuss Coordinated Entry Process and the other to discuss Applications from the Community Presentations. The Coordinated Entry group discussed a separate master meeting for veterans, smoother process for CES facilitation and program communication, evaluating the CE process with an online tool through HUX exchange, and an increased need for being proactive about data and reviewing the amount of time for someone to get housed before increased monitoring from HUD begins. The Community Presentation group discussed having increased resources and trainings available for agency staff that work with clients to ensure clients know their rights and know people that can best assist them with DV services while also being sensitive and aware of LGBTQ community needs. The group also discussed having more training with higher administration to get agencies as a whole more aware of LGBTQ community needs surrounding domestic violence, as well as having agencies consider designing aspects of appointments for all clients with a focus on allowing clients to have time with staff alone in case their abusers may attend all of their appointments with them.

Announcements

The floor was opened for announcements.

- Mary Hamlett announced that MIFA now has a CES dedicated staff person.
- A list of Thanksgiving meals were announced including Napa Cafe, City of Memphis at Cook Convention Center, Serving in Christ at Playhouse on the Square, and Queen’s Club House.
- Dana Brooks announced that Christ Community would be now offering medical and dental services at Catholic Charities.
- Marquieta Odom informed the committee the YWCA is partnering with UT and Pastor Youngsman’s church for a wellness and stress clinic for their clients.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with no further discussion at 12:22pm.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Date: _____ / _____ / _____