

QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
10:00 am, Online (Zoom)

FACILITATOR: Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH)

MINUTES: Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

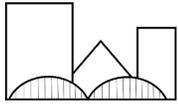
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Grant Ebbesmeyer at 10:04 am. The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Stephanie Williams and a second from Porsha Goodman.

CoC Committee Reports

All committee meetings have been taking place virtually and will continue to be held virtually until further notice. See calendar [here](#) for more information about future meeting dates and times.

- **CoC Planning:** Porsha Goodman reported the committee has focused their efforts on emergency system planning for COVID-19. The CoC Planning Committee has hosted presenters from the Health Department and the City of Memphis Housing and Community Development. The organizations gave presentations about the COVID-19 referral process, and ESG/CDBG grants to help prevent COVID-19 and provide emergency housing resources. Porsha explained that the CAFTH website can be used as another tool for gathering further information and resources for COVID-19 response. A link can be found [here](#).
- **Families & Youth:** Stephanie Williams explained that their focus has been on cross committee collaboration. Engaging with members and making sure that everyone is healthy and well are also main priorities for the committee. Recent meeting topics included reviewing and ensuring partners are using the “No Wrong Door Approach,” and that partners have an understanding of eligibility criteria for different programs. Currently, the committee is working on developing a guide for families and youth. The guide aims to make it easier for families and youth to access available resources. The tool will include details on transportation, mental health and other family and youth services.
- **Single Adults:** Tavoris Griffin reported that the committee has partnered with the Housing First Team (HFT). HFT is a group of health professionals that provide individuals experiencing homelessness with housing solutions, job placement, assistance for SOAR benefits, as well as general health and mental health services. HFT is a resource built to lessen the load on case managers and to help provide quality services to those who need it. A link to HFT services can be found [here](#). Single Adult Committee meetings will now include case conferencing with the Housing First Team, as well as continuing to provide member training, guest speakers and educational tools.



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- **Employment:** Herman Dickey reported that COVID-19 has impacted employment opportunities. In several agencies clients have lost work due to layoffs and other challenges caused by the pandemic. New precautions are in place to limit the number of people who can use public transportation at one time, and a decrease in frequency of routes are challenges for client transportation. Despite these obstacles, employers have come forward to create opportunities. Some available positions have been tailored to accommodate those with disabilities. Herman told a story of a client who recently applied for one of these opportunities, was arrested, tested positive for COVID-19 and worked with employer to keep the position. The client continues to hold the position, is making \$15 an hour and messaged the organization that they are happy. Herman offered to provide additional information to CAFTH for the NOFA. The committee is also working to build a network of second chance employers, because of client barriers to employment related to criminal history.
- **HMIS:** Toni Johnson reported that the committee is developing a new HMIS manual and training guide. The guide intends to provide assistance for troubleshooting and answer common questions. The committee is also working to create new HMIS forms for updated HMIS help desk procedures.

Presentation

901 Home Together Strategic Plan

- The 901 Home Together Strategic Plan aims to provide a framework to help end homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County. The plan offers a renewed focus on system wide planning, broadening community focus, incorporating benchmarks from the USICH Home Together Plan, and gathering feedback from stakeholders. The main goals of the plan are to ensure homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time experience as well as sustaining an end to homelessness. A survey was collected from participating members, and more information about this project will follow as the drafting process is finalized. The link to the presentation and recording can be found [here \(Start Time: 16 minutes 30 seconds\)](#).

Announcements and Updates

No additional announcements to report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.