

QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

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

FACILITATOR: Kimberly Mitchell (City of Memphis) **MINUTES:** Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Mitchell at 10:03 am. The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Louann Dunger and a second from Tamara Hendrix.

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 that supporting community partners has been the primary focus of the committee. The committee hosted presenters from Alliance Healthcare Services (AHS) and the Health Department. The topics discussed covered details about the Housing First Team (HFT), COVID-19 testing and grant opportunities. The committee continues to aim at creating more productive programs and partnerships.

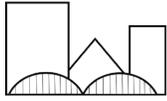
Families & Youth: Stephanie Williams reported that self care for members has been important. In order to effectively serve the community, members must be healthy and well. The committee continues to provide community resources and education (HF Principles, No Wrong Door Approach). Representatives from the Wellness and Stress Clinic of Memphis and Tennessee Voices for Children (TV) discussed programs to treat victims of trauma and services for uninsured and underinsured clients such as primary care, case management, and legal aid.

Single Adults: Tavoris Griffin reported that the committee has partnered with the Housing First Team (HFT) to improve communication between partners and to conduct case conferencing. The committee is also brainstorming new ideas to provide better services and reach clients safety during the pandemic.

Employment: Herman Dickey reported making significant progress with employment opportunities for clients, despite barriers brought about by COVID-19. Greater Memphis Access Points has been a valuable partner in creating job leads. TJ Maxx, Macys, Dennys, and Baxters have also helped to provide work opportunities. Job Link is currently hosting free workshops on resume building and job skills to assist clients. More progress has also been made with transportation barriers, and CoC supportive service transportation funds can be used to help cover costs of rideshares (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, etc.).

HMIS: Toni Johnson reported a new Release of Information Form and a new HMIS COVID Screening Form are available on CAFTH website. Further information will be included in the newsletter. For more HMIS resources follow this [link](#).

Presentation



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2021 Unsheltered PIT Count: The annual PIT count helps determine the number and characteristics of people who are experiencing homelessness at a given point in time. This year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided additional safety considerations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In an effort to maximize safety the number of volunteers will be reduced, and we will rely on existing open service sites to conduct and collect surveys. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided to ensure those conducting the count and those being interviewed are safe and protected. A general survey tool will be used to assess persons experiencing homelessness and gather demographic information. Surveys will be administered over the course of one week beginning January 27, 2020. Existing Outreach Teams will search the zip codes within the TN- 501 CoC (Memphis/Shelby County, Tennessee) jurisdiction. In addition to participating in a brief survey, unsheltered individuals will also receive a care package with items to keep them warm and nourished during the upcoming winter months ahead. Each individual will be advised of their right to refuse to be surveyed, and they will still receive a care bag if they are currently experiencing homelessness.

Announcements and Updates

CoC Rideshare - Eligible Costs: CoC supportive service transportation funds can be used to cover costs of rideshares (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, etc.). Program participant rideshare services must be documented as a reasonable cost (Route of other public transportation does not function with client work schedule, or other public transportation routes are unreasonably far from client housing). CoC supportive service transportation funds could also be used for medical services, child care, and other supportive services. [Read more here.](#)

Open Positions: CAFTH will be accepting applications for Multicultural Affairs Representatives and New Committee Chairs. Applications can be found at this [link](#).

COVID-19 Updates: Grant Ebbesmeyer reported that Matt Grimes from the UT Health Centers Testing Lab has partnered with the Hospitality HUB to provide self administered COVID tests. Testing at the HUB Plaza is available from 9 am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday. UT Health Centers has been able to determine test results in 4 to 8 hours on average.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.