

# MSCHC CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 am, Online (Zoom)

<u>Attendees</u>: Due to technical difficulties with the meeting platform, all agencies will be marked as having attended. A recorded version of the meeting will be sent out, and all agencies who had difficulty signing in or accessing audio are expected to review the video.

### Call to Order:

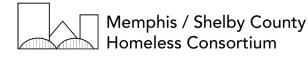
The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Cornelius Sanders.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the last MSCHC Consortium meeting in December 2019 were reviewed. With a motion from Mary Hamlett and a second from Dana Brooks the minutes were approved as presented.

### **CoC Meeting Reports**

- <u>Family/Youth Committee</u>: Mary Hamlett reported that the last Family/Youth committee meeting covered topics surrounding Ham Reduction and ways for programs to implement Harm Reduction into their practices.
- <u>Youth Action Board</u>: Grant Ebbesmeyer reported that the YAB has been working on advocacy projects and ways to support the emergency youth shelter opening soon for OUTMemphis. While the opening ceremony has been pushed back for the shelter due to COVID-19, the YAB is still working on getting youth support for projects and are excited to soon be able to meet at the shelter which will hopefully encourage more youth participation.
- <u>Veterans Committee</u>: Emily Connell reported that they are working on getting the Veteran By-Name List up and running, and there will be a virtual meeting tomorrow (3/18) to discuss next steps. Emily also announced all VA events and Stand Down events are postponed and/or suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.
- <u>Employment Committee</u>: Herman Dickey reported that the Employment Committee has been working on identifying challenges for clients getting employed, such as criminal backgrounds, and ways to still find employment for these clients. Herman stated they are also having discussions around transportation and how to advocate for transportation within the community for clients who have difficulty getting to work because of transportation barriers.
- <u>HMIS Committee</u>: Dana Brooks gave a report in place of Toni Johnson and stated that CAFTH has been hosting HMIS reports trainings at the office to help end users better run reports. If there are HMIS/training issues that come up, requests can be sent to Toni so she can help facilitate.



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### Mayor's Action Plan Implementation Grant (AIG)

Chere Bradshaw gave an update that agencies are encouraged to apply for AIG funding, and grant proposals will be excepted from 3/16 until Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Chere reviewed the types of funding that is available through this grant, which can be found on the CAFTH webpage under "Grants". Chere informed the Consortium that while there is not a lot of funding available and it is competitive, agencies should still apply to help show the need for more funding and resources for the community.

### COVID-19 Resources

 Grant Ebbesmeyer gave an update that CAFTH has compiled extensive resources on the COVID-19 virus from the CDC, HUD, and other local, state, and federal agencies on the CAFTH webpage. These resources, along with a guiding questions document created to help providers create a plan of action for their programs and agencies, are designed to help the CoC and community better find and utilize resources for planning efforts surrounding COVID-19 and the impact it may have on services. Grant also informed everyone that the Shelby County Health Department has a COVID-19 call center set up which is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Sunday and can be found here: 833-943-1658. Grant also gave an update from a HUD webinar where HUD SNAP office staff stated if monthly home visits are not feasible at this time due to health and safety concerns, staff are encouraged to document everything in case notes as much as possible.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am with no further discussion. A recording of the meeting will be sent out to all Consortium members for those who could not access the meeting due to technical difficulties.