

CoC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:00 am, Online (Zoom)

<u>Facilitator:</u> Porsha Goodman (DOH) <u>Minutes:</u> Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Committee Chair, Porsha Goodman.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning meeting in April were reviewed. With a motion from Ceaira Brunson, and a second from Mary Hamlett the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations & Discussion

a. Presenter: Lamont Jones, Riverdale Independent Assisted Living Facility

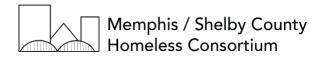
Located at 6880 Rains Rd, Riverdale provides independent and assisted services, meal preparation, and medical reminders. Riverdale offers rates that are less expensive than nursing homes. Lamont assists with client enrolment to the "Choices Program" (Social Security, Medicaid, and other assistance for facility stays). The facility offers a safe environment, and services veterans as well as those experiencing homelessness (recently the group has taken in over 50 individuals from emergency shelters). The 95 unit bed operation currently hosts 28 participants who meet program requirements. While there is no set age requirement typically clients must be 40 years old or older and in need of some type of assistance (food preparation, medical reminders, other). Clients must also demonstrate a financial or health need. Porsha Goodman praised the facility highly. Lamont Jones can be reached at ljones@ihmanagementsvc.com or 586-354-8383.

b. **CAFTH Updates**

Grant Ebbesmeyer reminded everyone to submit their Excellence Award nominations, and gave updates about the Lead Agency Evaluation Survey, CoC Renewal Process Monitoring, AIG, and vaccination event planning.

c. SOAR Process and Updates

Melinda Jones reported that they are working with the Social Security Office and will be reaching out to get more people trained for SOAR. Original documentation must be submitted to the proper office based on zip code. The Zip Code List will be sent out after the meeting. A person experiencing homelessness does not automatically qualify for SOAR, SSI, or SS services. In order to qualify clients must demonstrate issues with understanding, remembering/applying information, concentration, management skills and interacting with others. Melinda Jones encourages clients interested in receiving SOAR benefits to get treatment to better build their case for approval.



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d. Member Updates & Discussion

No other updates or discussion.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.