

Facilitator: Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH)

Minutes: Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Grant Ebbesmeyer.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning meeting in July were reviewed. With a motion from Porsha Goodman and a second from Dana Brooks the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations & Discussion

a. **Creating Homes Initiative (CHI), TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Erin Gillylen and Lawrence Wilson**

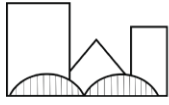
The Tennessee [Creating Homes Initiative](#) (CHI) has created more than 28,000 new or improved housing opportunities and leveraged more than \$850 million from Federal, State, Local, Foundational and other funding sources. Erin Gillylen and Lawrence Wilson represent CHI in Region 7 (Memphis/Shelby County). The goal of the program is to expand/develop safe and affordable housing for persons with disabilities or substance abuse, and address the lack of affordable housing in Tennessee. Overall CHI has helped significantly increase the number and availability of affordable housing in Region 7. CHI also helps with renovation, acquisition, and new project construction. Individuals enrolled in CHI permanent supportive housing (PSH) can stay longer than 6 months while receiving wrap around services. CHI uses consumer housing specialists (CHS) to facilitate housing placement and deliver wrap around services. Erin Gillylen and Lawrence Wilson work CHS to provide regular and ongoing hands-on trainings. The TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services plans to launch their new program, CHI 3.0, which will focus on serving those with criminal justice involvement who also have a mental illness or substance use disorder. CHI 3.0 will assist with finding housing, and providing other wrap around services. The Tennessee Housing Trust Fund Grant will also be released around Nov 2021, to provide participating agencies and organizations an opportunity to receive “match” or “seed funding.” Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about CHI.

b. **CAFTH New Website Walkthrough**

Dustin Kane provided a walkthrough of the new CAFTH website and answered questions.

c. **CoC NOFO Updates**

Grant Ebbesmeyer provided a timeline overview of the NOFO and renewal process. For new project funding, organizations must provide PSH, RRH, or TH-RRH, have a 501(c)3 status, EIN, DUNS number, and have completed SAM registration. Renewal projects will receive



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their scorecards shortly, and CAFTH will send more information soon about upcoming office hours/E-SNAPs training labs. Grant Ebbesmeyer also provided set-by-step instructions for how to register individuals and agencies in e-snaps.

d. **Open Floor and Announcements**

No other updates or discussion.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.