

Facilitator: Mia Cotton (FFL)

Minutes: Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mia Cotton.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last CoC Planning meeting in August were reviewed. With a motion from Ceara Brunson and second from Shirleyn McClain the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations & Discussion

a. **2021 CAFTH Gaps Analysis**

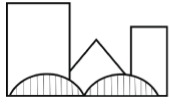
Grant Ebbesmeyer went over the [2021 Gaps Analysis](#). Surveys found that the average length of time homeless (LOTH) for single adults was 2+ years, and the LOTH for families with children averaged around a few weeks. The highest barrier to housing was loss of job/employment (this contradicts a common misconception that the highest barriers to housing are substance abuse or mental disorders). When comparing the HUD FY21 CoC dollars awarded by city, Memphis at \$7M receives much less than similar cities like Buffalo \$13M, New Orleans, Detroit and Cleveland \$31M. Single adults are at highest risk for exit to unsafe or unknown destinations (unknown is the highest). There is a lack of funding dedicated for single adults in Memphis/Shelby County. Surveys verified the existence of a large racial disparity, and found that a majority of individuals experiencing homelessness were black, indigenous, persons of color (BIPOC). Grant played a portion of the National Homelessness Law Center webinar on Racial Equity, Homelessness, and COVID-19. Follow the link to view the full webinar recording:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWlIKUt1C3E>

b. **CoC NOFO Updates**

Grant went over the upcoming [NOFO timeline](#), and opened the floor to any questions.

c. **Open Floor and Announcements**

Jonquil Johnson introduced CMI's new Housing Coordinator Shericka. Mia shared that FFL will be moving to a new building next month. FFL is working on developing new inclusion processes to destigmatize and diversify. Daisy Brown with TN Voices, is looking for housing for victims of trauma. Daisy's email is dbrown@tnvoices.org. Shirleyn McClain with YWCA is looking for volunteers to help "adopt a family" for Christmas, and her email is smcclain@memphisywca.org. The VA is offering COVID-19 vaccination boosters during office hours Monday through Friday, and those interested may contact Dawn Williams at dawn.williams4@va.gov.



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CoC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

10:00 am, Online (Zoom)

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.