

**Facilitator:** Mia Cotton (FFL)

**Minutes:** Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Grant Ebbesmeyer.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the last CoC Planning meeting in October were reviewed. With a motion from Shirley McClain and second from Kia Black the minutes were approved as presented.

**Presentations & Discussion**

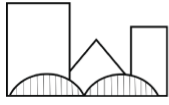
**a. HOME-ARP, City of Memphis and Shelby County Governments**

Ashley Cash, Mairi Albertson, Felicia Harris, Ebunoluwa Odeyemi, Lee Ann Lawrence, Scott Walkup, Dana Sjoström, and Kimberly Mitchell introduced themselves. Mairi presented an overview of the HOME-ARP program. The federal government has awarded over \$13M to the City of Memphis, and the Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is putting together a Strategic Plan with the CoC to best utilize the funds. The funds will be used for rental housing, rental assistance (security deposits, utilities), supportive services (housing counseling, child care), and non-congregate shelter (acquisition of a structure, new construction, rehabilitation - hotel/motel/nursing homes/existing facilities, hard or soft costs, replacement costs, but not ongoing operation costs). Qualifying populations are persons who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, housing instable, and fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking. The HUD Exchange has HOME ARP details on their website (<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>). Recipient Area Median Income (AMI) must be less than 30% or 50%. Scott Walkup explained that the funding for Shelby County will need to be used outside the City of Memphis (but there are some small exceptions).

Attendees added that emergency low-barrier shelter, housing counseling (supportive services), inventory of affordable low-barrier housing (inclusive LGBTQ+ individuals and other diverse populations), renovations of rental units (possibly also new furniture), and flexible funds for deposits or other fees are all needed. Funding will be competitive when HCD announces their Strategic Plan and begins accepting applications.

**b. NOFO Debrief**

Grant Ebbesmeyer discussed the outcomes of the Rank & Review Committee and the final NOFO submission to HUD. The Rank & Review Committee looked favorably on renewals that voluntarily reallocated funding into better performing projects, programs that spent down 100% of their allocated funds, and agencies that provided explanatory comments on low scores.



**c. Partner Spotlight: Friends For Life**

Mia Cotton provided a high-level overview of all of the resources and services that Friends for Life has to offer. Please see their website (<https://www.fflmemphis.org/>) for additional information, and reach out to Mia at ([mia.cotton@fflmemphis.org](mailto:mia.cotton@fflmemphis.org)) for potential partnership opportunities.

**d. Open Floor and Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.