

QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
10:00 am, Online (via Zoom)

FACILITATOR: Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH) **MINUTES:** Dustin Kane (CAFTH)

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Grant Ebbesmeyer at 10:03 am. The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Dawn Williams and a second from Porsha Goodman.

Presentation

EveryoneOn Memphis: Kurt Peluso introduced EveryoneOn as a national non-profit that is focused on ending the digital divide by bringing internet connectivity, computers, and digital skills to those who need it the most. EveryoneOn has been around since 2012 and has connected over 850,000 individuals to date. EveryoneOn has a national offer locator tool that assists individuals with finding low-cost internet service solutions based on location. This services along with others are listed on their [website](#). Aneta Thomas Lee discussed EveryoneOn's racial equity initiative that was started by Microsoft. Microsoft seeks to "improve access to affordable broadband, devices, and digital skilling tools and resources for communities of color." Aneta then discussed EveryoneOn's internet enrollment hotline (844-525-1574) to assist digital novices obtain internet services. Their goal is to reach out to 450 clients in the Memphis area. Kurt then did a walkthrough of their [locator tool](#). The presentation was concluded with a discussion of the organization's new federal funding that gives discounts on broadband and devices to eligible households as well as Microsoft global skills initiative that provides digital skills training for individuals. Our community's point of contact will be De'Kendra Stamps (dekendra@everyoneon.org) and Aneta Thomas Lee (aneta@everyoneon.org).

CoC Committee Reports

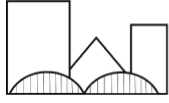
All committee meetings have been taking place virtually and will continue to be held virtually until further notice. See calendar [here](#) for more information about future meeting dates and times.

CoC Planning: Mia Cotton shared that the committee had a NOFO de-brief, and had a presentation from the City of Memphis and Shelby County about HOME-ARP funding opportunities.

Families & Youth: Absent.

Single Adults: Absent.

Employment: The committee hosted Tina Blackmon from Goodwill, Inc. to present about opportunities within their organization, and Tina Blackmon was nominated and appointed as the new Employment Committee Chair by the Governing Council.



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HMIS: Jonquil Johnson reported that the HMIS team is preparing for the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. They are also working to introduce a new data quality plan to be sent to the Governing Council for approval.

Announcements and Updates

Friend for Life Partner Spotlight: Mia Cotton shared a partner spotlight about Friends For Life (FFL). FFL will be moving into a new building on 1548 Poplar! FFL is a licensed medical provider to treat HIV/AIDS, and is looking to expand the type of services offered. FFL would also like to address issues with stigma, make it easier for people to ask for help, and promote a healthy mental space. FFL provides services in eight surrounding counties. From 9 am to 12 pm on Thursday's clients are able to receive food pantry items, fresh fruits and vegetables, hygiene items, and Kroger gift cards. FFL also offers the following programs, Hunger Not Impossible, Wellness University, the Positive Living Center, group therapy/mental health, medical case management, medical services, pharmacy, Early Intervention Services, insurance assistance, dental services, and housing assistance (STRMV, Part B, TBRA, EFA). The Corner located on 806 S. Cooper, The Haven located on 622 Minor Rd, and the main FFL office is currently located at 43 N Cleveland St. Please contact Mia Cotton at mia.cotton@fflmemphis.org for partnership opportunities.

Open Floor: No further discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.