

Memphis / Shelby County Homeless Consortium **CoC Planning Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 10:00 am, Online (Zoom)

FACILITATOR: Julie Meiman

MINUTES: Errin Woods (CAFTH)

Introduction of CAFTH Staff Members

New CAFTH staff members were introduced to the committee.

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Julie Meiman at 10:13 am. The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Mary Hamlett and a second from Toriella Jackson.

Partner Spotlight Presentation

Sean Bradley from Friends for Life presented about Digital Health Literacy. This program aims to help alleviate this barrier that many in Midsouth face. The program wants to provide skills to navigate health information, help control the spread of HIV, assist, and increase awareness and access to health insurance and health equity. The program is a 6 weeks program that will serve those HIV positive/high risk negative, those persons 65+, those disabled, people with no digital or technological understanding or access, and etc. Serving the mid-south and surrounding areas in Arkansas and Mississippi.

CoC Committee Reports

All committee meetings have been taking place virtually and will continue to be held virtually until further notice. See calendar <u>here</u> for more information about future meeting dates and times.

CoC Planning Committee: Julie Meiman reported the review and approval of minutes from the previous meeting. We had 2 partner spotlights. Darrell Kiner from Stress and Wellness Clinic, he presented free medical care provided to uninsured and underinsured people. From St. John's Community services, new partners of the CoC, Jessica D'elia, George Leocopolas, Richard Bennet discussed their services and what they will provide for the YHDP projects. We talked about PIT count and Warming Center update.

Youth Committee: Josh Hall reported will be the new Youth Committee Chair. The committee has been focused on navigating the process and implementation period of YHDP. In an upcoming meeting, they will be going over YHDP projects and talking about new resources that will be added to the new youth housing system. Out Memphis will host the Youth count on January 26th,2023.

Youth Action Board: No report given

Affordable Housing Committee: Phillip Trentham reported that at the last meeting, community spotlight from Purpose Place Charlene Bowen and Door of Hope with Porsha Goodman. Jamie Johnson made an announcement about the exhibit of Evicted.

HMIS Committee: No report given.

Veterans Committee: Jeff reported that they have achieved their housing goals for the year and they are still increasing. He stated that they will do a community partners meeting twice in a year beginning in 2023. Their first meeting will be follow up meetings to collect information and check in.



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Outreach Committee: Tori Jackson reported they are planning around the PIT and identifying known locations and hot spots. Influx of youth to come in through the YHDP. Discussions on diversion, PSH, and Housing First. They are also creating a resource guide for agencies.

Announcements and Updates

Short Presentation & Discussion

Julie Meiman presented on PIT Count, will be focusing on the unsheltered portion of the PIT count. HMIS will follow up with a sheltered count. It will be held on January 25, 2023 from 3:00 am until 11:00 am will be the night of count. This is an annual census count of unsheltered and sheltered people required by HUD. It is an opportunity to conduct outreach and create awareness. From 2018 to 2022 there was a decline in 2021 but an increase of unsheltered in 2022. We will conduct the survey by a google form and will cover Memphis and Shelby counties. We will do service based counts on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday following the PIT count night. There will be teams of three with a Team leader for each team. We are asking that all the team leaders stay for both shifts. We are asking for volunteers and for all agencies to share the information of the PIT count. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Meiman or CAFTH staff members.

Charter and Bylaws

Julie Meiman reported updated information concerning the charter and bylaws and we are doing a thorough review. We reviewed sections 1 and 2 of the bylaws and there is a meeting this week concerning the membership portion. The changes will be reviewed and changed until the Spring of 2023. Julie reminded everyone that all agencies should pay their membership dues because they will increase in the new year.

Julie Meiman gave an update on warming centers. The city typically runs more than one warming center. However, this year the city contracted with Hospitality Hub to be the only warming center this year. They will open up their doors when it is 32 degrees and below. The city will only post when there's a certain degree. Also, transportation will be handled with Hospitality Hub as well as they will have a hotline connected to MATA. Hospitality Hub will oversee the hotline as well.

Stephanie Reyes: Harm Reduction training on January 10th. YHDP will be starting January 31st the navigators will start January 15th. There is still money available for youth 18-24 for Travelodge.

Jeff Craig: VA homeless services will be relocating in early 2023.

Adjournment

COC Planning Meeting: January 17th, 2023 @ 10am Quarterly Consortium Meeting: March 21, 2023 @ 10 am (in person)