



The mission of the Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care is to foster collaborative efforts that enhance awareness and create solutions to prevent, reduce, and alleviate homelessness in our region.

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CoC Meeting

April 4, 2023

Meeting Agenda

- Partner Spotlight – Ridgeview, Allie Cohn
- New Business - Tonya Polidoro
- CoC Data Report – Nikki Lynn, TVCH
- Committee Reports – Nikki Lynn, TVCH
- Old Business - Tonya Polidoro
- Questions
- Closing – Tonya Polidoro

Partner Spotlight



Allie Cohn

Creating Homes Initiative: Regional Housing Facilitator
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New Business: CoC Successes & Partner News & Updates

TORCH –Andy O’Quinn

- Opened their new Family Temporary Shelter 2 weeks ago and have housed several families already
- Received THDA –ARP funding

TVCH - Katelyn McQuire

- Received HUD CoC funding
- Reminding partners that the process for project submission will start this summer

New Business: HUD Community Workshops

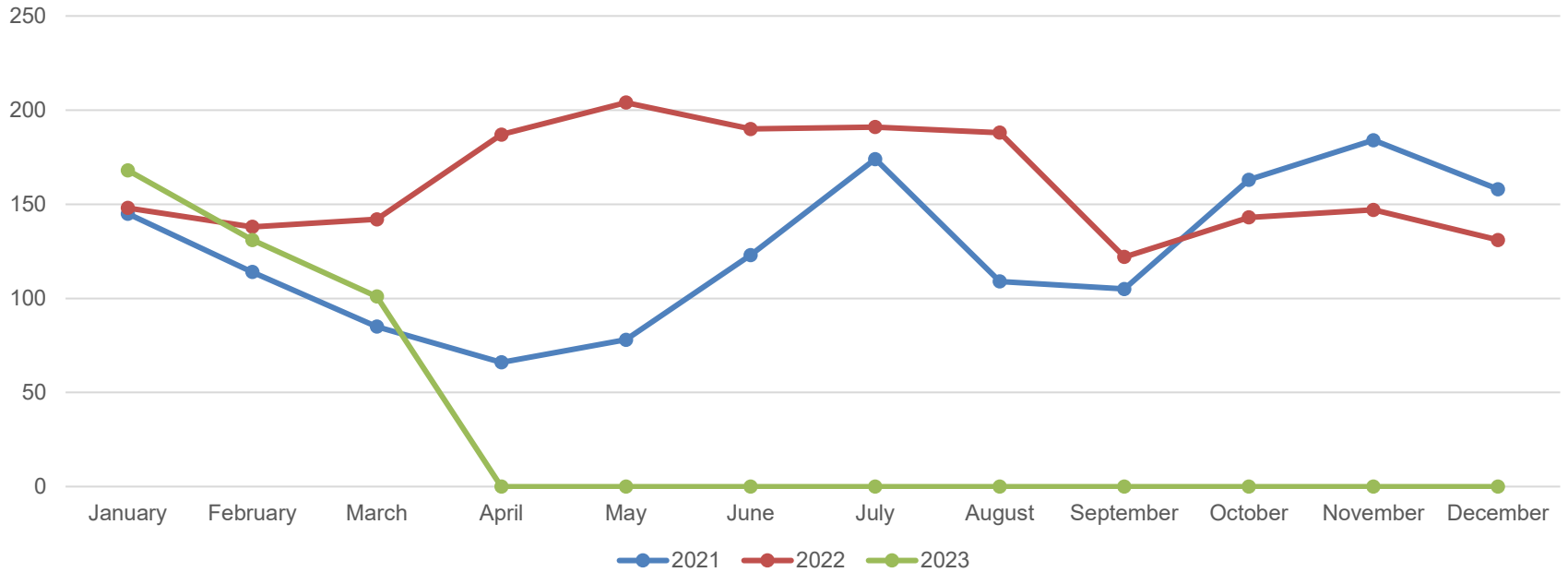
Community Workshops will begin in April and conclude in August

The topics offered this semester are:

- Understanding and Securing Buy -In for Housing Problem Solving
- Partnering with People with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Coordinated Entry: Prioritization and Assessment
- Housing Focused Practices for Shelter and Outreach Programs

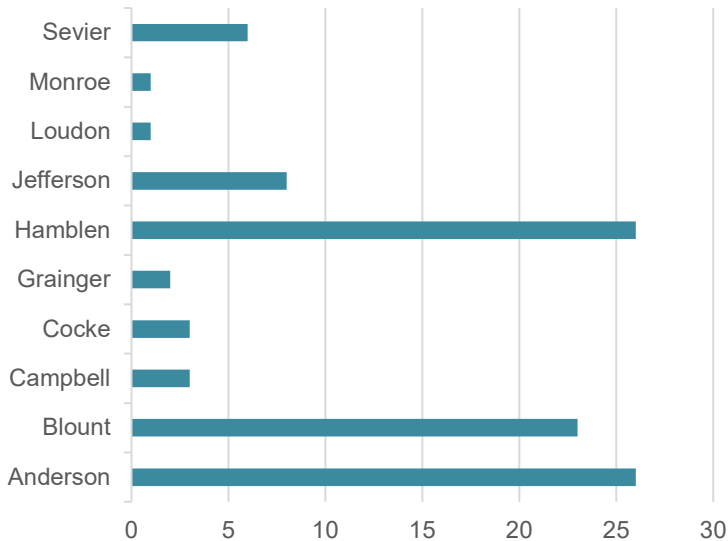
CoC March 2023 Data Reports

Total CES Participation

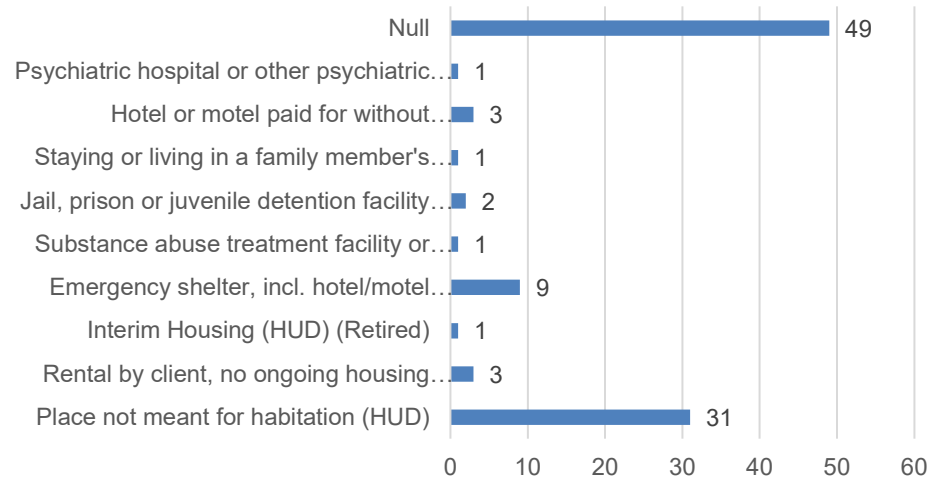


CoC March Data Reports

CES by County for the Previous Month



Prior Living Situation March 2023



HUD Data Standards
September 2023

– Officially will release in August or

They are looking at changing Race, Gender Identity and the required SSN information.

CoC Committees

HMIS & Data Management - May 3rd 2:30 PM
email nlynn@tvceh.org if you are interested

Coordinated Entry – TBD, if you are interested
email aaron.davies@mcnabb.org

PIT/HIC – Meetings to resume in August

- Official 2023 numbers will be released at the May CoC meeting

Old Business

In-Person Meeting –Katelyn McGuire

May 2nd @ 10 am

United Way of Greater Knoxville
1301 Hannah Ave, Knoxville, TN 37921

2022-2023 CoC Member Dues –Tonya Polidoro

- 2023 Dues invoices will be sent out
in June 2023.

-If new members join after September,
their dues will pay for the next year.

Discussion/Questions

Questions about SOAR program

Thank you for attending!

Proud CoC Members



COC April Minutes

4/4/2023

Members Present: Tonya Polidoro, Nikki Lynn, Aletha Purkey, Shannon Dow, Sasha Henderson, Hollan Kasper, Katelyn McGuire, Levi Johnson, Jan Cagle, Kelyn Wilkiins, Alexia Rutland, Letisicia McQueen, Mandy Proffitt, Allie Cohn, Andy O' Quinn,, Crystal Whited, Tiffany Higginbotham,

Call to Order: – Tonya Polidoro COC Chair called the meeting to order. 10:05

Welcome: Tonya Polidoro - Governing Council Chair

Tonya welcomed the COC and was excited to see the new partners at the meeting today.

Partner Spotlight: Allie Cohn - Ridgeview Behavioral Health

Regional Housing Facilitator out of Ridgeview. Ridgeview is in the process of getting their Mobile Health Unit, a large mobile fully decked RV to serve 5 counties. Medical and Mental health with a dual health provider, peer coordinators and an Office Manager. They will not dispense medicines but can write prescriptions for local pharmacies to fill. They will do intakes and you do not have to have insurance. They will be served that day. They will do acute care and minor medical procedures. They can do school and sports physicals. Anybody can come and get served.

Allie Cohan: cohnab@ridgeview.com - Creating Homes Initiative

Launching June 1st

9:00-3:00

Scott - Monday

Campbell - Tuesday

Fentress - Wednesday

Union - Thursday

Morgan - Friday

Kim Cortz: courtskp@ridgeview.com for more info you can contact KIM

New Business: Tonya Polidoro - Governing Council Chair

COC Successes: Many new agencies joining the COC.

Individual Agency News/Updates:

TORCH: Andy O Quinn - Opened the doors for their new shelter and have 9 families sheltered now. They serve literally homeless people in Anderson County. They have a “no child sleeps outside” policy. They have formed a lot of relationships with sober living and halfway houses to help combat that need in the homeless population. Partnership with the housing authority in Oak

Ridge they manage the shelter. Getting resources for the addiction side as well. They also offer RRH

Grants Awarded:

TORCH: Andy O Quinn - *HOME ARP GRANT FOR SERVICES* - RRH and Street Outreach

Clinch Powell : Sabrina Seamon - *EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM MONEY* - 50% AMI. Struggling with landlords willing to accept money.

Tonya: Is anyone in our COC that is SOAR certified: Andy said he used to be. MATS has a lady that needs SOAR assistance. Andy said that PATH in Knoxville used to have one. They only help those in Knox County according to - Sasha will double check. SOAR is a very extensive process.

Tonya: MATS was serving 3 counties that belonged to the ARCH COC. MATS is able to shelter them but not able to do RRH because services could be duplicated. MATS stopped doing RRH for those three counties. ARCH contacted Tonya and told her that they were not using RRH money but for SOAR. Jodie from THDA was aware of this so maybe this is a source.

Nikki - would it be beneficial if we established a temporary committee to look into SOAR for the COC. Tonya said it wouldn't hurt. Andy said there would definitely need to be a strong connection with someone at the SS offices.

TVCH COC: Katelyn McGuire - funding came out and we received the COC project funding this year. Katelyn is still looking at the process to see who qualifies and will get that out to the COC in the next coming months.

Nikki: TN Valley has moved to the habitat office but most are working from home. If you need anything email us or call us.

Shannon Dow: Blount CO there has been a group of volunteers, mostly non-profits have come together for several years now for homelessness and we have an upcoming listening meeting with the government officials to talk about affordable housing/ low income housing and homelessness.

HUD COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS: Nikki Lynn

HUD is offering community workshops that last from April to August- once a week and they are very valuable. The COC has signed up for

- Understanding and Securing Buy-In for Housing Problem Solving
- Partnering with People with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Coordinated Entry: Prioritization and Assessment
- Housing Focused Practices for Shelter and Outreach Programs

We can pull in anyone that would like to sit in on these. Please let Nikki, Katelyn, Allie or Shannon know if you are interested and we will get you the syllabus. This will be valuable info for our 12 counties.

COC Data Reports and Updates – Nikki Lynn

Data for MARCH: Tonya gave Nikki a report that was done in 2018 and if there is a report that someone wanted to see a certain way let me know.

Coordinated Entry Participation - 101 CES PARTICIPATION for MARCH 2023 The 2 previous years were different. Nikki mimicked the exact query for 2018 and it is very different. Tonya suggested that maybe COVID played a factor. Nikki suggested maybe it was because people know when our funding is and that is why people call in during certain times, they know we have new money. Nikki will continue to look at the parameters and see what can be reshaped to make the report more accurate.

COC CES by County - HAMBLEN and ANDERSON are the highest counties then BLOUNT. *The other counties do not have a lot of partnerships and we need to get more partners in those counties to get more accurate data.*

Data Quality POINT: we need to address these areas:

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION we need to collect as much data as possible.

UPON EXIT - PLACES NOT MEANT FOR HABITATION we need to make sure we are collecting that data as accurately as possible.

Data quality for the COC looked good.

HMIS HUD ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nikki and Katelyn listened in to the National homeless conference meeting HUD sponsored webcast meeting they announced they are changing a few more data standard points than Nikki initially thought. They are looking at changing race, gender identity, and changing the data standard of the SS number and will accept the last 4 of the social. That is going to help data quality tremendously. This is still tentative and official papers have not been released that will come in the late summer and will be effective in October.

Committee Updates - Nikki Lynn

HMIS & Data Management - Nikki Lynn

We have decided to look through the paperwork process and establish standards and procedures into data entry entering - exit - so that everything is standard across the board. It will be as generic as possible so that it conforms to all programs.

The next meeting is: May 3rd at 2:30 pm

Coordinated Entry - Aaron Davies the committee hasn't met yet please email Aaron if you want to attend that meeting aaron.davies@mcnabb.org By-Name list will be included in the standards of coordinated entry.

PIC/HIC

Pit and Hic meetings will resume in August.

Official PIT and HIC numbers will be completed and submitted to HUD and will be available for the MAY meeting.

Old Business: Tonya Polidoro

May COC meeting will be in person and streamed and a training session after the meeting. We will network and get to know each other. Please come and bring people from the agencies. We can have 80 in the room. Send Katelyn an email if you are interested in meeting in person. The room is booked for sometime after the meeting for more networking.

Meeting location/date/time:

United Way of Greater Knoxville 1301 Hannah Ave, Knoxville, TN 37921
May 2nd 10:00AM and we have the room until 1:30.

MEMBER DUES:

Tonya asked that if you haven't done so please get your 2022 Member dues paid.

Invoices for 2023 will come out in June

Dates for the upcoming COC meetings.

April 4	Aug 1 In person
May 2 In person	Sept 5
June 6	Oct 3
July 4	Nov 7 - In person
	Dec – No Meeting

The July 4th meeting we understand that people will be off for the holiday but we do have to have one in July to be compliant with 10 meetings for the year.

Polidoro closed the meeting at 11:04

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