



*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 March 7, 2023

# Meeting Agenda

- New Business –Tonya Polidoro , MATS
- CoC APR Report –Nikki Lynn, TVCH
- PIT Count Highlights –Nikki Lynn, TVCH
- 2023 Meeting Dates
- Individual Agency News/Updates –Open Discussion
- Questions
- Closing –Tonya Polidoro

# New Business: Resuming In Person Meetings

Discussion points:

- Locations
- Times

# New CoC Member



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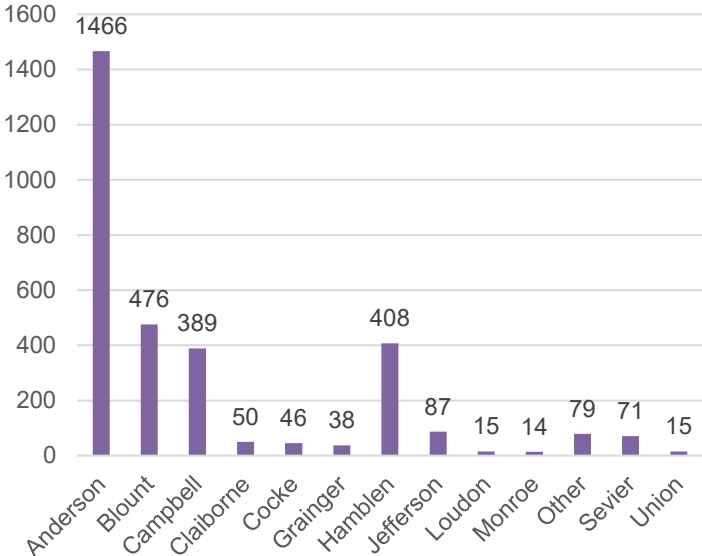


# Tennessee Valley News & Updates

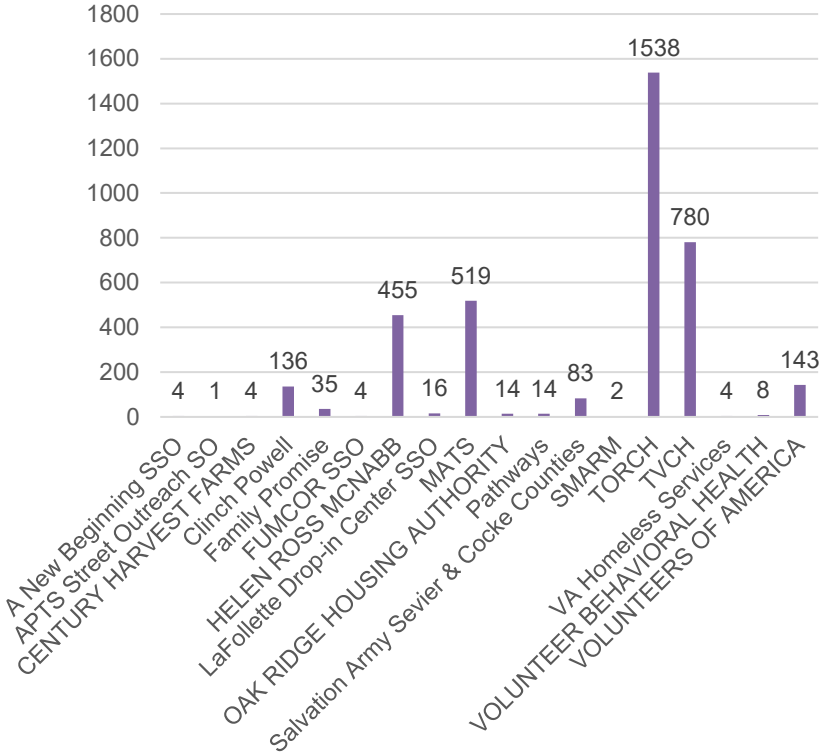
**THDA ESG 2023  
grant is open until March 31st**

# CoC Annual Program Reports

2022 Entry/Exits per County



2022 Entry and Exit by Agency

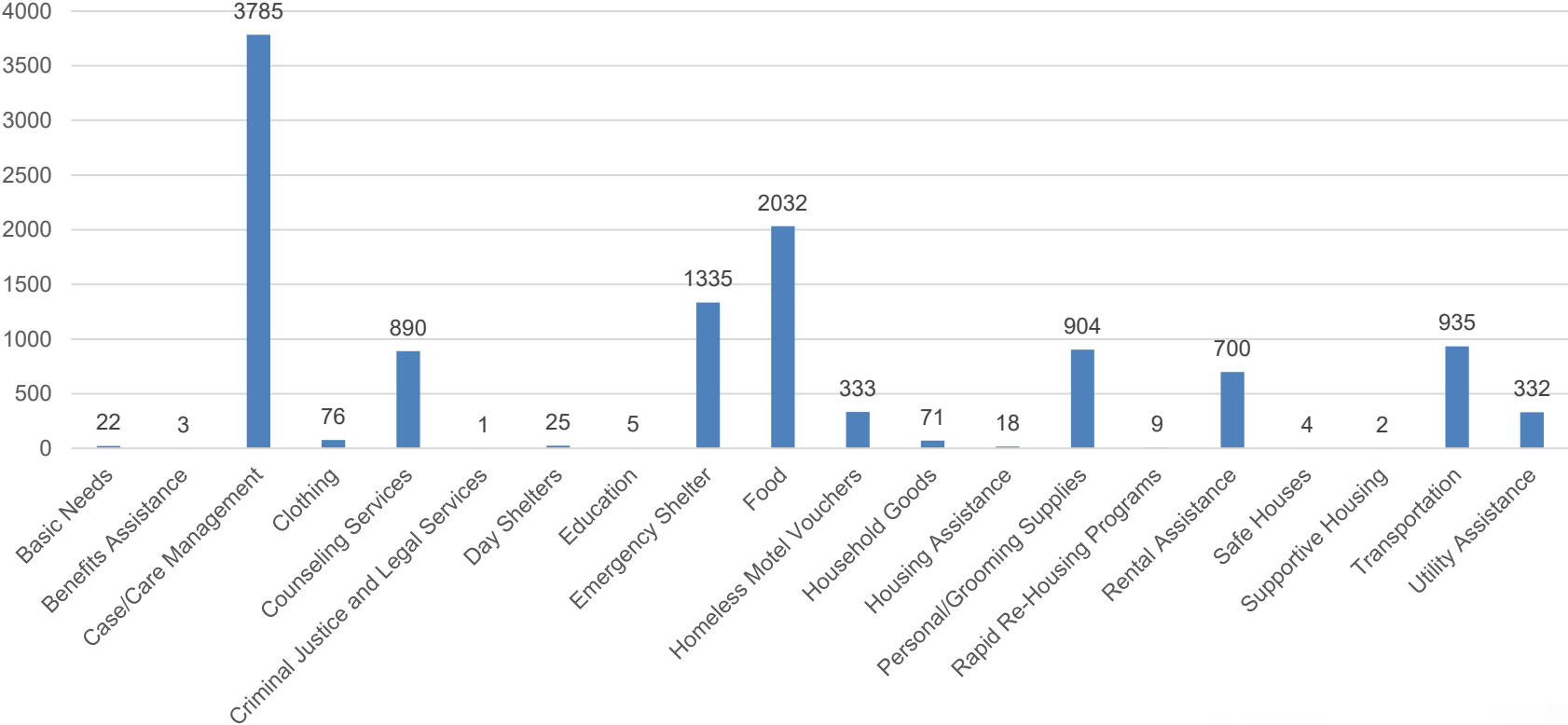


Total number of Entries and/or Exits from programs in 2022:

**3763**

# CoC Annual Program Reports

2022 Services by Type





# HUD CoC APR

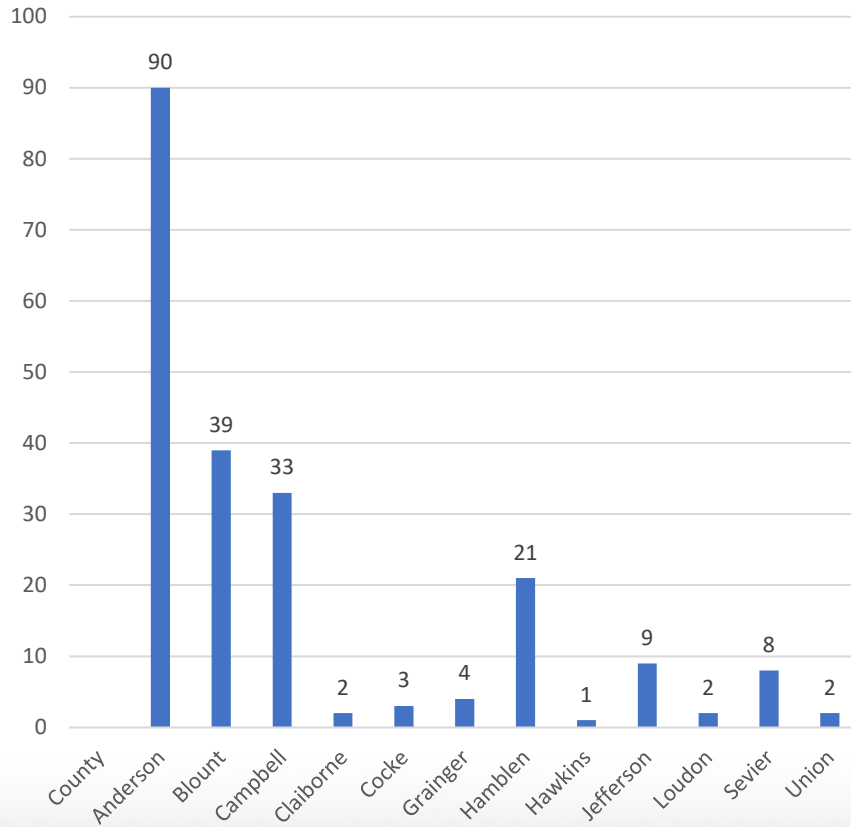
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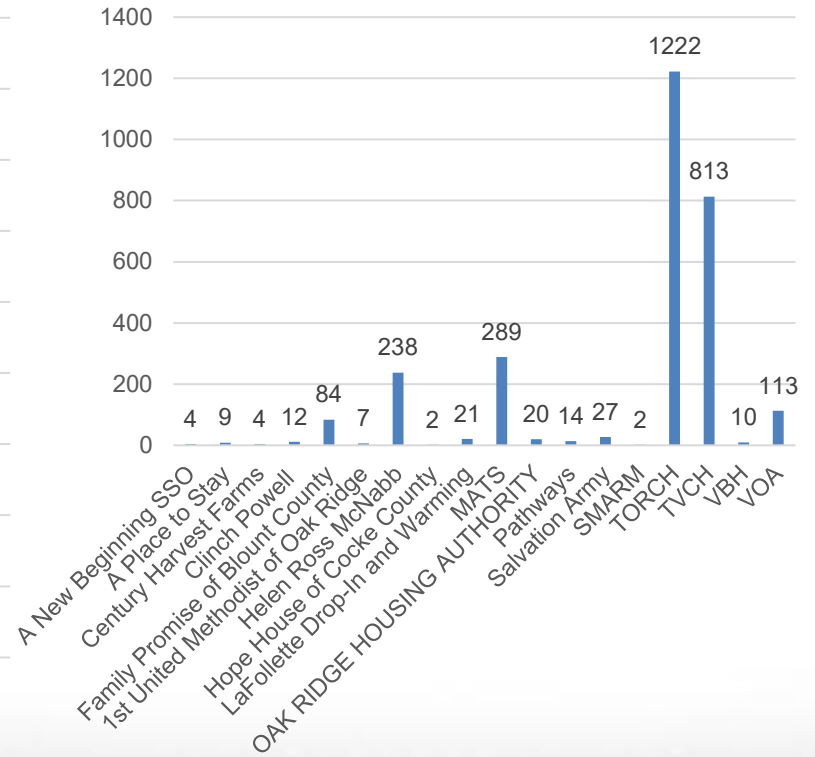
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Date of Birth	98.00%
Race	96.00%
Ethnicity	96.00%
Gender	98.00%
Veteran Status	94.00%
Disabling Condition (Y/N)	86.00%
Destination (Exit)	89.00%
Relationship to Head of Household	58.00%
Client Location	100.00%

# CoC Jan – Feb 2023 Reports

Jan-Feb 2023 Entry/Exit by County



Jan-Feb 2023 E/E by Agency



# PIT/HIC Count Highlights

Thank you to everyone that assisted us  
in the PIT & HIC!!!

We are still entering data and validating it.  
Final update and count will come next month.

Numbers as of now:



554  
Total



502  
91%



52  
9%

# Discussion/CoC News

# TVCH

## Katelyn McGuire

### New Executive Director

# Thank you for attending!

## PROUD PARTNERS OF THE COC



CEASE - CHET - CITY OF OAK RIDGE - CORNERSONE OF RECOVERY - DOUGLAS CHEROKEE ECONOMIC AUTHORITY - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - LAFOLLETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY - LEGAL AID OF EAST TN - LIVE IT MINISTRIES - MATS - MONROE CO. DEPT. OF FINANCE OAK RIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY - OPEN HEARTS OPEN HANDS - RIDGEVIEW BEHAVIOR HEALTH - SAFE SPACE - SAMARITAN HOUSE SMOKY MOUNTAIN AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES - SWEETWATER AREA MINISTRIES THIFTSTORE - TORCH

# COC March Minutes

## 3/7/2023

**Members Present:** Tonya Polidoro, Krystal, Nikki Lynn, Katelyn McGuire, Allie Cohn, Keela Paulson, Tiffany Higginbotham, Aaron Davies, Andy O'Quinn, Jan Cagle, Maria Cantron, Mandy Proffitt, Lisa Buhl

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

**New Business:**

Tonya Polidoro welcomed the agencies to the meeting.

Hoping to get back to in person meetings. Tonya asked the COC is that was something they would like to do?

Tonya talked about getting some resource people to come and speak at the meetings.

Tonya asked Katelyn if she could spear head that and set up a location and do a survey monkey to find out from others if they are wanting to do that.

Katelyn said that she could do that. Maybe do an in person and a zoom.

Tiffany Higginbotham suggested doing in person once a quarter rather than once a month.

Tonya said yes we can think about that too and the dual meeting.

Higginbotham goes to a couple meetings that are dual and it is hard to get comments in and be seen.

Nikki agreed that quarterly would be good for in person.

A survey monkey will be sent out to figure out the logistics.

The United Way in Knox was suggested as a meeting place.

Aaron said he could reach out to the Blount Co United Way as well.

**Nikki Lynn:** Introduction of New COC members:

**West Care Tennessee:** they provide different services in the western TN area. They provide quality of health and human services for the community. They contacted the COC about VET services.

**Live Free Claiborne:** They deal with harm reduction and homelessness. Looking at people that need that kind of care going back and forth between treatments and individuals that have recently been incarcerated.

**News Updates from TN Valley – Katelyn McGuire**  
EMAIL: [kmcguire@tvceh.org](mailto:kmcguire@tvceh.org) PHONE: 865-332-8191

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The grant is open until March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need anything feel free to contact me. I can help with anything you might need.

Katelyn has been moved into the role of Executive Director, but will be available for grant related items as well.

### **COC Data Reports – Nikki Lynn**

Nikki stated that she knows some of the reporting last month was off, but she has things cleared up now.

Nikki showed entry's and exits per county and per agency.

Nikki asked that the COC let her know which format is more accessible for everyone.

Anderson Co having TORCH there has a lot of entries and exits because of their street outreach.

Nikki feels like these reports are much more accurate.

For the calendar year 2022 the COC had 3,763 entry and exits.

Nikki shared a report to show what kind of services the COC provided.

Basic Needs – 22	Benefits Assistance – 3
Case/Care Management – 3785	Clothing – 76
Counseling Services – 890	Criminal Justice and Legal Services – 1
Day Shelters – 25	Education – 5
Emergency Shelter – 1335	Food – 2032
Homeless Motel Vouchers – 333	Household Goods – 71
Housing Assistance – 18	Personal/Grooming Supplies – 904
RRH Program – 9	Rental Assistance – 700
Safe Houses – 4	Supportive Housing – 2
Transportation – 935	Utility Assistance – 332

Jan Cagle asked who was racking Criminal justice and Legal Services and Nikki said she would go back and check that.

Data Quality didn't change we are still at a B. B is still good but we are looking for a 95 or above.

There are some things we can make sure we are doing.

**Disabling Condition:** If you check yes under that but you don't list anything it will generate an error. So if you check mark yes they have a disabling condition then we must list what that is.

**Relationship to Head of Household:** If you are entering a family make sure that you are going through and stating the relationship to the head of household.



**Veteran Status:** This is another very important box. Please make sure you are including this. This is important for funding as well.

**Social Security Number:** This one is very important as well. This number also has those included that would provide a number so the score is lower on it because of that.

These are the point that would ensure our quality score would go up. Try to get as much information as you possibly can.

Coordinated Entry will be separate form these data reports.

### **Jan-Feb 2023 Reports:**

We have some counties that numbers are very low for. If you know of agencies we can partner with to provide these services please let us know so we can reach out to them. We know we have people there who need the help we just don't know the agencies to refer them to.

If you have questions about how to report in HMIS or need a refresher training please reach out to Nikki.

Nikki is working on the annual training that all HMIS agencies need to go through. We really need more agencies using HMIS so we can provide that full continuum of care.

### **PIT 2023: Nikki Lynn**

We are still entering data and validating it. Final update will come out next month.

Total number of PIT – 554

Interviews/Surveys – 502

Observations – 52

These are not final numbers, we are expecting them to go up.

Nikki's goal is to show the COC a map once all data is collect4ed of the hot spots of where the homeless was counted.

### **COC Agency News: Katelyn McGuire – TVCH Executive Director**

- TVCH is restructuring.
- Focus Center in Campbell County has been closed due to a loss in funding. We will continue outreach in Campbell County and we will partner is agencies in that area to fill in the gap.
- TVCH is moving offices. We will have desks and office supplies for sale.
- We have 6 staff members and chugging along.
- Help line accepted hotline calls and someone is dedicated to answering those calls now.
- New location is in Knoxville at Knox CO Habitat. 1501 Washington Avenue, Knoxville

**Old Business: Tonya Polidoro**

Membership Dues please ask if your agency has cut a check for 2022. There was a hiccup with that and we need to get that taken care of.

Invoice

**Individual Agency News/Updates:**

Nikki and Katelyn visited Torch and they have 6 total units and they are beautiful. Kudos to them. Congrats Andy. There is pictures on Facebook that you can look at on the TORCH Facebook page

Blount Co is working on something similar and will be getting with Andy to talk about that.

SOS Day coming up on April 22 in Blount Co at the Martin Luther King Center.

MATS has a 5K coming up April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Dates for the upcoming COC meetings.**

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

The July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11:07