

COC March 2024 Minutes

03/05/2024

Members Present:

Jan Cagle | Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Allie Cohn | Creating Homes Initiative/Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Clint Cummings | UT Extension Skill Up Tennessee
Aaron Davies | McNabb Center
Michelle Davis | The Lighthouse
Shannon Dow | McNabb Center
Bobby Eason | Foothills Community Development
Karen Ferguson | TVCH
Kennith Hawkins | Choice Health Network/Positive Living
Dewanna Henderson | TVCoC Governing Council
Sascha Henerson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Tiffany Higgenbotham | US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Patricia Lawhorn | Homeless Management of Monroe County
Latasha Leming | Homeless Management of Monroe County
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
Andy O'Quinn | TORCH
Taylor Pierce | MATS
Melina Politte | Haven House
Bruce Spangler | A Place to Stay
Sonny Smith | Homeless Management of Monroe County
Matt Magrans-Tillery | Cherokee Health Systems
Blair Trout | Salvation Army Sevier & Cocke Counties

Reminder: Change your Zoom name to include your first and last name, pronouns (if you would like), and your organization. Mute your audio.

Call to Order: Katelyn McGuire – CoC Lead

Called the meeting to order 10:02 a.m.

Welcome: Katelyn McGuire – CoC Lead

Katelyn encouraged all individuals that have different agencies, different community leaders, anyone that could benefit from TVCoC meetings to learn more about the barriers and obstacles that our organizations face when interacting with the populations that we serve. As well as leaning into the networking part, feel free to invite them.

Before we get started, please put your name and organization in the chat so that we can make sure all attendance is taken.

Partner Spotlight:

Skill Up Tennessee

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Connect: Connect with other agencies to know what each other is doing to better help those that we serve.

Build and Strengthen: Build and Strengthen relationships for a better network

Share: Share resources. Learn what other organizations are doing.

Overview: We are part of the University of Tennessee Extension. We have offices in all 95 counties across the state. We are doing a program called Skill up Tennessee. This is our snap employment and training program that we conduct in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. They are the ones who run the American job centers. Our role is to take the program out into the community. We are trying to reach folks who would not maybe step foot in an extension office, or an American Job center, but would be eligible for the program. The goal is employment. We are helping folks gain knowledge skills and credentials. We are looking at the short term training of two years or less. We can help folks think about what it is that they want to do. We can help folks know what jobs are in demand. Where to go to get the skills needed. How to navigate this higher education system. The benefit that the participant gets is they get support along the way, we can help pay for their school, books, testing fees, required program costs (tools), transportation assistance and uniforms.

Eligibility: Someone has to be receiving Snap benefits and employment is the goal.

Resources: You can follow us on Facebook. You can sign up for our newsletter.

STAYING CONNECTED



 Follow us on
Facebook



 Sign Up for Our
Newsletter

NEXT STEPS



Share Registration with
Others



Email Your Resources to
skillup@tennessee.edu



Invite us to Your
Events

Clint Cummings

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

We had our mobile shower trailer delivered recently. We are hoping within the next few months to have the mobile shower trailer active in our communities. If you know of anyone who might be interested in connecting to that type of resource, please send them our way.

Melina Politte | Haven House

We will be moving our outreach office into the Eagleton area hopefully in the next month or month and a half. We are hoping by April we will be in. It will be a much more accessible space. We would love to have you all stop in. We are going to have a few open houses and things like that.

Taylor Pierce | MATS

June 29 2024 MATS is having a family fun day. This is our fourth year. It is in the middle of town. We have inflatables and face painting for the children. We also have spots for vendors, and food trucks. We also have our 5K coming up April sixth. We need runners, so if anybody wants to sign up, please sign up.

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Does anyone else have anything?

Taylor Pierce | MATS

We have a gentleman moving out into independent living this week.

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

What is the Governing Council?

The Governing Council serves the CoC Membership

The Governing Council of the CoC is responsible for drafting, reviewing, and presenting policies, written standards, and other governing activities to the CoC Membership

CoC Members hold the voting and decision-making power within TVCoC. All governing documents or Governing Council proposals are sent to the CoC Membership (members who have paid dues) for a vote.

Governing Council Introductions:

Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency Representative

I am the executive director of Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless. Our organization serves as the lead agency for the Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care. Some folks get that mixed up a bit. We just serve in a role in the continuum of care. So you will see us a lot in meetings and the community and kind of informing people about what the CoC does and how it can be impactful to our organizations, partners, and local communities.

Tonya Polidoro – Chair

Shannon Dow – Vice Chair

Hello, I have served on the Governing Council since 2019. I am also the senior director for the McNabb Center Blount County Services.

Allie Cohn – Secretary

Dewanna Henderson

I am a brand-new member. I am a survivor, as I like to say, of domestic violence and homelessness. I aim to contribute as well as I can in any way that I can to help foster change for future victims and learn a lot.

Tiffany Higginbotham

I work for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. I am a Veteran Service provider representative, and I have worked with the VA for a little more than ten years in their homeless program. I have worked with this CoC in some capacity that entire time. I really got more involved when I moved to a different position in 2016 and then even more involved in 2018 because that is when we really started working with Community Solutions for Built for Zero effort. I've been able to represent the VA with that effort. I love working with the CoC. So I'm really thankful and happy to have the opportunity to be on the governing Council and to continue to work with the CoC and all of you.

Michael Rivera

Bobby Eason

I am the executive Director for Foothills Community Development. We are a small affordable housing developer. Headquartered here in Maryville. We serve Blount, Loudon, Sevier, and Monroe through our home ownership program and are launching a rental program as well. I am also very excited to be on the Governing Council and look forward to making an impact through TVCoC.

CoC Data Reports & Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH
2023 Annual Report

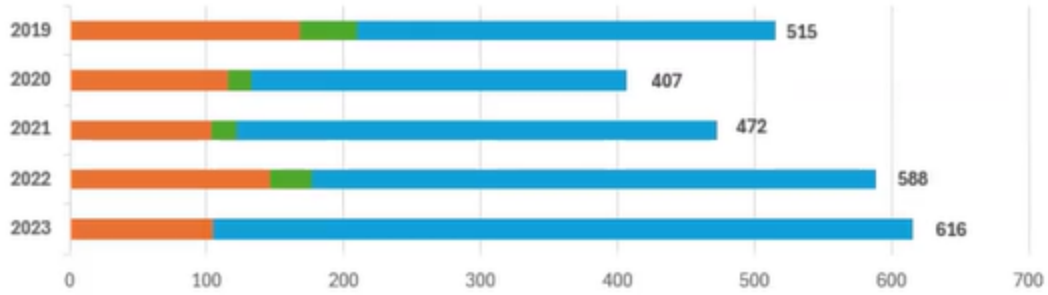
2023 Continuum of Care Member Agencies and Partners:

A Place to Stay
Aid to Distress Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC)
Choice Health Network: Positively Living
City of Morristown
Clinch Powell RC&D Council, Inc.
Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority
East TN Human Resource Agency (ETHRA)
Family Promise of Blount County
Foothills Community Development
Haven House
HomeSource East Tennessee
Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Legal Aid Services of Middle TN and the Cumberlands
Live Free Claiborne County
Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter (MATS)
McNabb Center
Monroe County Government
Oak Ridge Housing Authority
Ridgeview Behavioral Health
TN Division of Workforce Labor
Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless
TN Department of Health
Tennessee OutReach Center for Homeless (TORCH)
VA Homeless Services
Volunteers of America (VOA)
WestCare Tennessee, Inc.

If you do not see your name on this list, please email Karen Ferguson and kferguson@tvceh.org to get an application.

This report includes our 2023 Point in Time Count. This is not the one we did in January. This is the previous year. You will see the total persons that we counted as literally homeless in the Tennessee Valley is 616. You can see the breakdown based on the year below. We had an uptick this last year and I expect that it's going to be higher this year because we have worked really hard to try to get more partners involved in our point in time count. The more individuals and organizations involved the higher the numbers.

Total Population PIT Count Data



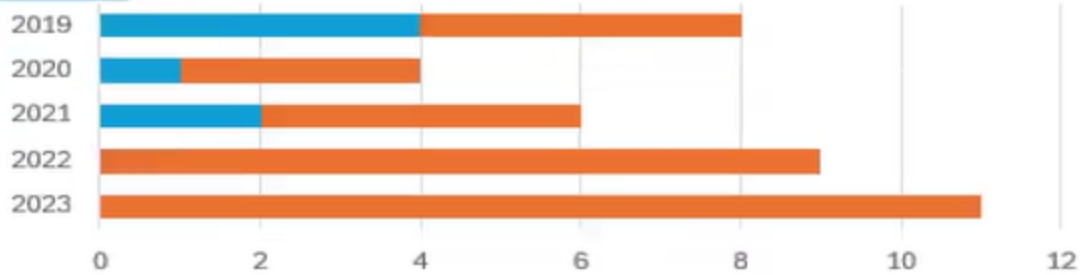
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Emergency Shelter	105	146	104	116	168
Transitional Housing	0	31	18	17	42
Unsheltered	511	411	350	274	305

Homeless Households with Children

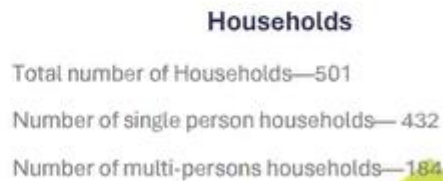
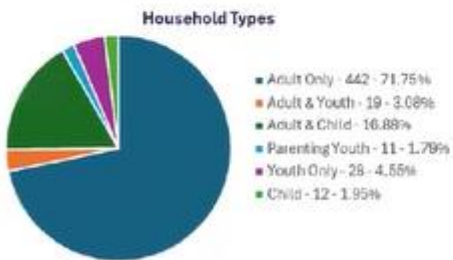
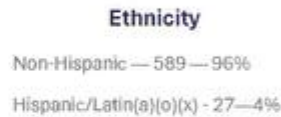
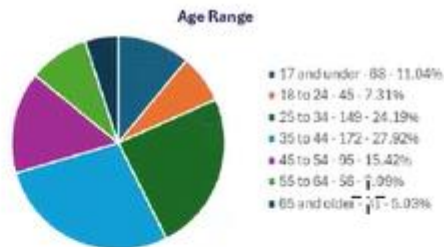
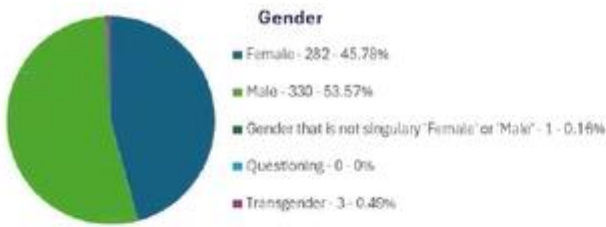


	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Emergency Shelter	18	23	9	13	15
Transitional Housing	0	8	4	4	7
Unsheltered	14	31	25	8	9

Homeless Veterans



	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Emergency Shelter	105	146	104	116	168
Transitional Housing	0	31	18	17	42
Unsheltered	511	411	350	274	305



1. HUD defines child(ren) as persons 17 years old and under.
2. HUD defines youth as persons 18 years old to 24 years old.
3. HUD defines parenting youth as households where youth persons are head of household with children and there are no adults in the household.

Our Homeless Management Information Systems we use to track services provided by our CoC. During the 2023 calendar year we documented 14,966 services. That is everything from Street Outreach to Permanent Supportive Housing and everything in between. We know that number is not as high as it actually is. We can only represent and only report out what our partner agencies sent into us, or they entered into HMIS. We were able to service 2,284 unduplicated individuals and impacted 1568 families.

You can see the top 4 services provided by each county below. Case Management, Hygiene, Clothing and Food were the big services provided.

HMIS

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) tracks all services provided by participating end users to persons and households throughout the Tennessee Valley. It tracks critical information about needs and services but it can also identify the reason why services which were requested were not provided. The HMIS provides a greater understanding of all households requesting assistance and what services are actually accessed. It reduces duplication among agencies and allows for participation in coordinated entry and coordinated service delivery across the CoC.

During 2023, the CoC HMIS partner agencies documented **14,966** services provided in our CoC to prevent and end homelessness in the Tennessee Valley. These services were provided to a total of **2,284** unduplicated individuals, and impacted a total of **1,568** individuals in families.

Top Four (4) Services Provided By County

Anderson		Claiborne		Hamblen		Monroe	
Case/Care Management	3144	Hygiene	80	Emergency Shelter	339	Hygiene	35
Personal/Grooming Supplies	755	Food	29	Food	223	Food	14
Transportation	519	Emergency Shelter	10	Case/Care Management	170	Cots	2
Food	325	Case/Care Management	4	Counseling Services	168	COVID-19 Antibody Tests	2
Blount		Cocke		Jefferson		Sevier	
Case/Care Management	10	Hygiene	194	Hygiene	259	Hygiene	406
Clothing	144	COVID-19 Antibody Tests	88	Food	145	Emergency Shelter	41
Food	40	Health Education	66	Emergency Shelter	30	Case/Care Management	40
Hygiene	1336	Food	65	Case/Care Management	23	Food	21
Campbell		Grainger		Loudon		Union	
Hygiene	2252	Emergency Shelter	12	Hygiene	212	Food	1474
Food	1066	Case/Care Management	6	Food	50	COVID-19 Antibody Tests	383
Case/Care Management	498	Counseling Services	6	Clothing	7	Hygiene	71
Material Goods	201	Food	6	Hotel/Motel Vouchers	3	Case/Care Management	22

System Performance Measure:

We were able to decrease the amount of time folks are homeless by bed nights both in median and average which is great. That means we are helping provide services quicker. We are seeing a change in the percentage of returns to homelessness.

HMIS— 2023 System Performance Measures

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	359	337	46	57.56	52.35	-5.21	29	33	28	-5
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	359	337	47	57.56	52.35	-5.21	30	33	28	-5

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-in. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	591	432	243	242.53	233.94	-8.59	97	91	90	-1
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	591	432	243	242.53	233.94	-8.59	113	91	90	-1

Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

This measures clients who exited GO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)		Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months			Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	% of Returns	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	% of Returns	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	240	203	5	2	0.99%	5	3	1.48%	5	6	2.95%	11	5.42%
Exit was from ES	91	93	12	5	5.38%	3	6	6.45%	13	8	8.60%	19	20.43%
Exit was from TH	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Exit was from SH	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Exit was from PH	114	187	7	1	0.53%	2	2	1.07%	5	23	12.30%	26	13.90%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	445	483	24	8	1.66%	10	11	2.28%	23	37	7.66%	56	11.59%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2022 PIT Count	January 2023 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	588	616	28
Emergency Shelter Total	146	105	-41
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	31	0	-31
Total Sheltered Count	177	105	-72
Unsheltered Count	411	511	100

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	256	370	343	-27
Emergency Shelter Total	256	370	343	-27
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0	0

Measure 4: This is where our partner spotlight comes in; You can see that there has been a decrease in the Change In Earned Income and Non Employment Cash Benefits. So maybe having Clint and access to the UT Extension Office will help increase these numbers.

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	9	16	15	-1
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	9	16	15	-1
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	1	2	3	1
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	11.11%	12.50%	20.00%	7.50%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	9	16	15	-1
Number of adults with increased total income	1	2	3	1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	11.11%	12.50%	20.00%	7.50%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	12	9	8	-1
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	1	1	0	-1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	8.33%	11.11%	0.00%	-11.11%

Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	12	9	8	-1
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	2	5	2	-3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	16.67%	55.56%	25.00%	-30.56%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	12	9	8	-1
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	8	6	2	-4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	66.67%	66.67%	25.00%	-41.67%

The numbers for folks experiencing homelessness for the first time has changed. Which is good, or we may not be hearing about them.

Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	238	335	288	-47
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	21	32	25	-7
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	217	303	263	-40

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 202	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	515	635	425	-210
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	28	46	33	-13
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	497	589	392	-197

Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2022 - Sept 30, 2023) reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	507	603	515	-88
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	23	21	15	-6
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	201	206	186	-20
% Successful exits	44.18%	37.65%	39.03%	1.38%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	432	604	391	-213
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	297	343	181	-162
% Successful exits	68.75%	56.79%	46.29%	-10.50%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	432	604	391	-213
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	297	343	181	-162
% Successful exits	68.75%	56.79%	46.29%	-10.50%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2022	Revised FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	24	31	38	7
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	16	26	37	11
% Successful exits/retention	66.67%	83.87%	97.37%	13.50%

FY2023 - Systems Performance Measures - Data Quality

	All ES, SH		
	Submitted FY2022	Revised FY2022	FY2023
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	389	370	343
Total Leavers (HMIS)	253	243	297
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	2	9	13
Destination Error Rate (%)	0.79%	3.70%	4.38%
	All TH		
	Submitted FY2022	Revised FY2022	FY2023
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	0	0	0
Total Leavers (HMIS)	0	0	0
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	0	0	0
Destination Error Rate (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	All PSH, OPH		
	Submitted FY2022	Revised FY2022	FY2023
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	29	34	56
Total Leavers (HMIS)	14	11	10
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	3	2	0
Destination Error Rate (%)	21.43%	18.18%	0.00%
	All RRH		
	Submitted FY2022	Revised FY2022	FY2023
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	319	401	207
Total Leavers (HMIS)	218	368	146
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	4	5	0
Destination Error Rate (%)	1.83%	1.36%	0.00%
	All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2022	Revised FY2022	FY2023
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	838	539	408
Total Leavers (HMIS)	522	418	316
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	86	86	64
Destination Error Rate (%)	16.48%	20.57%	20.25%

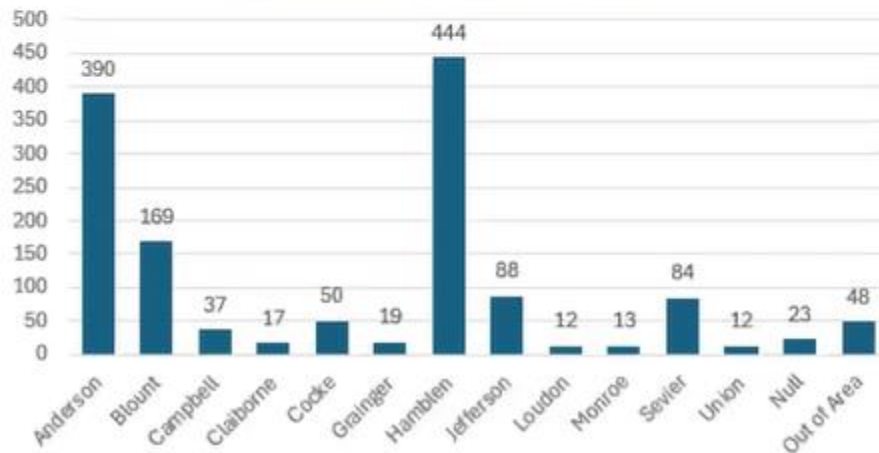
Coordinated Entry:

Coordinated Entry (Coordinated Entry) is our rural counties' primary coordinating mechanism for social service integration. Coordinated Entry is a federally mandated system for all Continuums of Care designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to serve the homeless.

Using a standardized referral process, Coordinated Entry provides clear access points for homeless persons, real-time knowledge of the housing needs, and availability for providers. Furthermore, Coordinated Entry targets resources for more cost-effective allocation of limited resources while remaining nimble and adaptive to change and increases confidence, accountability, and transparency.



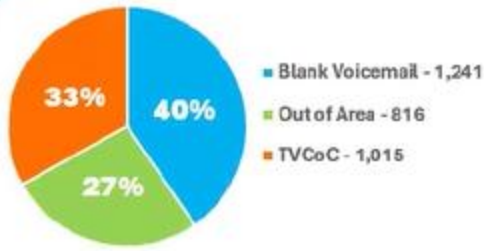
Coordinated Entries by County



Coordinated Entries Totals by Year

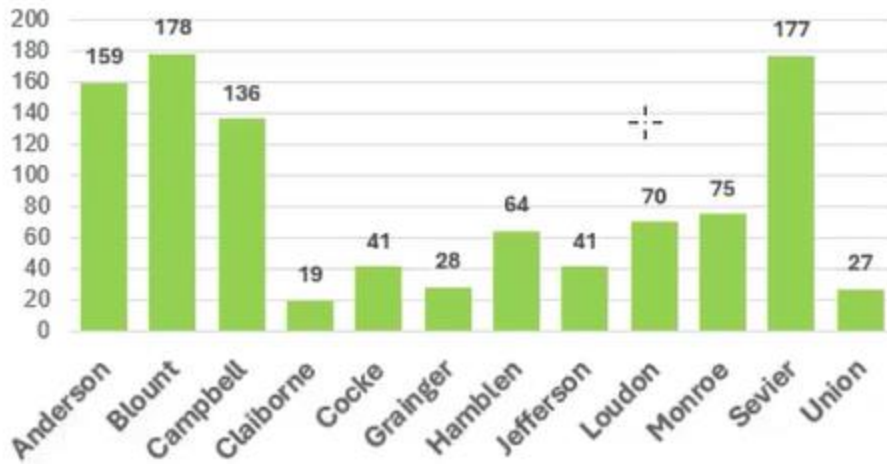


Coordinated Entry- Homeless Help Hotline

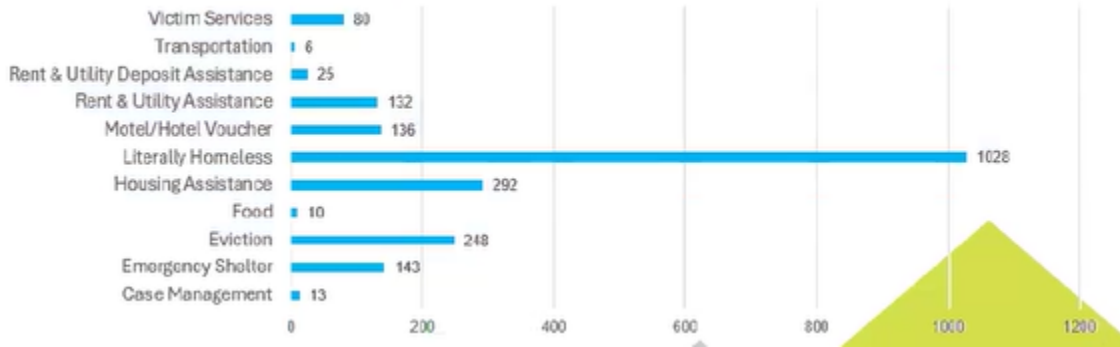


The Homeless Help Hotline is one of the many entry points our CoC housing system. In 2023, the hotline received **3,099** request for assistance and services by phone or email.

Hotline Calls by TN Valley CoC County



Hotline Calls by Service Request



Fair Market Rent in the Tennessee Valley

HUD released the 2023 FMR's in October 2022

County	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
Anderson	\$887	\$952	\$1,156	\$1,507	\$1,773
Blount	\$887	\$952	\$1,156	\$1,507	\$1,773
Campbell	\$566	\$643	\$847	\$1,138	\$1,160
Claiborne	\$609	\$661	\$747	\$983	\$1,003
Cocke	\$564	\$567	\$747	\$1,052	\$1,060
Grainger	\$568	\$572	\$753	\$1,008	\$1,012
Hamblen	\$632	\$636	\$828	\$1,132	\$1,298
Jefferson	\$632	\$636	\$828	\$1,132	\$1,298
Loudon	\$887	\$952	\$1,156	\$1,507	\$1,773
Monroe	\$499	\$600	\$747	\$991	\$1,003
Sevier	\$726	\$783	\$945	\$1,205	\$1,269
Union	\$887	\$952	\$1,156	\$1,507	\$1,773

Tables are based on rent not exceeding 30% of Household income.

Minimum wage is \$7.25 in Tennessee in 2023

	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
Average FMR for TVCoC	\$686.31	\$735.92	\$908.69	\$1,210.08	\$1,338.15
Hourly wage necessary to afford FMR	\$12.87	\$13.80	\$17.04	\$22.69	\$25.09
# of Full Time jobs at minimum wage (\$7.25) to afford FMR	1.77	1.90	2.35	3.13	3.46

<https://tvhomeless.org/continuum-of-care/>

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

As Nikki hit on, our data is only as good as what is being input. While HMIS is the system that we utilize for all our reporting, and a HUD requirement for the programming that we run throughout the CoC, there is also opportunities to discuss what data sharing could look like. If you do not want to hassle with another type of data management system, if your are already ingrained in what you do, please reach out to Nikki and see if there is a way that we can still pull the data that could inform our CoC numbers while also being able to share it in a way that is most convenient for you so that all the numbers get on the reports.

CoC Updates

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Governing Council Opportunities

The Governing Council is looking to fill the following seats with individuals or organizations that represent/serve the following populations:

Persons with HIV/AIDS

Unaccompanied Youth

If you know anyone who might be interested in these opportunities, please reach out to info@tvceh.org and we can set up conversations.

CoC Resource Email

Interested in receiving CoC Updates? Send an email to info@tvceh.org to be added to the Tennessee Valley CoC Listserv

Have something you would like to share with the CoC? Please send upcoming events, fundraisers, training, etc to kmcguire@tvceh.org

Trainings:

Tenant Rights

Fair Housing

Mental Health First Aid

DEI Training

If you have any recommendations, anything that you really want to see, or anything you think would directly help your organization or other organizations, feel free to reach out and let us know.

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Andy O’Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org

I do not have any updates right now.

Coordinated Entry Committee – Tiffany Higginbotham tiffany.higginbotham@va.gov

We met last month and we started the process of looking for a new prioritization tool that will help us with coordinated entry to decide who is experiencing the most vulnerabilities so that we will know who to put into resources first. We also looked at our current written standards for coordinated entry and started making some updates on that. Our plan is to meet again this month on March 25 at 10:00 am. We welcome anyone in the CoC to be a part of the coordinated entry committee. If you would like to join, just send me an email.

PIT/HIC Committee – Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org

To go back to HMIS, we are working with our HMIS vendor on getting an online training option available to everyone. Regarding PIT/HIC updates: We are hoping that we are going to be able to report to the CoC on our numbers that we plan to submit to HUD at our next CoC meeting. That will be in person on April 2 and we will vote on that information to submit to HUD. If you have not submitted HIC information or you have not entered your PIT information from the PIT on January 31 or February 1, we need it as soon as possible. We cannot complete validation without having everyone’s information.

Homeless Awareness & Advocacy Committee – Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org

This committee is meeting to try and figure out how do we raise awareness and advocacy in our communities. Our last meeting we met and had some great conversations about how we plan to create a survey that we are going to pilot in one of the communities in one of our counties. The idea behind these surveys is to see where each community is, their knowledge, advocacy, stigmas, biases, and whatever it might be that relates to homelessness.

The floor is open for other questions or discussions

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

April 2 2024 – In person Meeting 10:00 am

United Way of Greater Knoxville

Virtual link will also be provided via email

Even though the meeting is for one hour, we have the space for 4 hours, you have time to sit around and network, chat, share wisdom, stories, successes, barriers, obstacles, whatever it might be.

Dewanna Henderson | TVCoC Governing Council

Will the slides be available?

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Yes, go to

<https://tvchomeless.org/continuum-of-care/>

You will see the agenda, the minutes, PowerPoint, any types of reports.

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – CoC Lead

Tonya closed the meeting at 11:00 am

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

April 2 2024 – In person Meeting 10:00 am

United Way of Greater Knoxville

Virtual link will also be provided via email

May 7 2024

June 4 2024

July 7 2024 – In person

August 6 2024

September 3 2024

October 1 – In person

November 5 2024