

COC July 2024 Minutes

07/09/2024

Members Present:

Jan Cagle | Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Fern Caudill | Westcare TN
Aaron Davies | McNabb Center Blount County
Michelle Davis | The Lighthouse Monroe County
Karen Ferguson | TVCH
Kennith Hawkins | Choice Health Network/Positive Living
Sascha Henerson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Macrea Love | TVCH
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
Andy O'Quinn | TORCH
Samantha Peach | Clinch Powell Resource Conservation and Development
Taylor Pierce | MATS
Amanda (Mandy) Proffitt | A Place to Stay
Angela Stope | Blount County United Way
Caitlin Torney | Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Kimberly Terry | TVCH

Reminder: This meeting will be recorded. 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 – Lead Agency

Called the meeting to order 10:03 a.m.

Welcome: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

We are going to go through a few things related to the Supreme Court Decision and funding opportunity for the CoC program funding.

Supreme Court's Ruling in the City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson

Case: Is it cruel and unusual punishment for cities to fine, ticket, and arrest individuals sleeping outside even if there are no shelter options available?

Timeline: The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in April and released the ruling in late June.

Decision: "Under the ruling, localities will be able to arrest, ticket, and fine people for sleeping outdoors on public property, even if leaders have failed to produce enough affordable housing or shelter for everyone in the community who needs it. "
- National Alliance to End Homelessness

Impact: Decreased trust in nonprofit agencies/ministries, possible decreased funding, increased burden on the criminal justice system, increased time to housing for folks who will now have a criminal background, which can keep them from housing and jobs

Next Steps: Advocate for sustainable solutions within communities, including—but not limited to—rental assistance programs, homelessness prevention, housing production accessible to those with the lowest incomes, and an increase in homeless assistance programs.

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Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Andy O'Quinn | TORCH

August 17th we are having a golf tournament to raise money. If you go to ur Facebook page or our website, there are links to how to be involved in that.

Angela Stope | Blount County United Way

The Affordable Housing Initiative with United Way of Blount County received the Trinity Health Foundation Grant to run three community meetings in regard to affordable housing in our community. All three will be in August in our community. All supported through grants, so interpretive services, food, \$25.00 gift certificates provided to everyone that attends the meeting, so we can get some good data before we create our five year plan.

Michelle Davis | The Lighthouse Monroe County

We have our second floor past the inspections, and we have it available now. So we are starting to move residents into it.

Andy O'Quinn | TORCH

I will mention in the veterans meeting, we had a veteran that we are working with that is really difficult. After quite a while we finally got him housed in a place that he will accept.

Jan Cagle | Ridgeview Behavioral Health

The reason why I was late today is because I dropped off a client to get her teeth today. She has been in and out of jail, long history of co-occurring metal illness, severe mental illness and substance misuse. We got her in our reentry program. She is like-this is the first time somebody like actually helped me, like pick me up when I got out. Helped me get treatment. She is killing it. She is doing great taking care of her health, staying sober, she is on her meds and just a delight to be around.

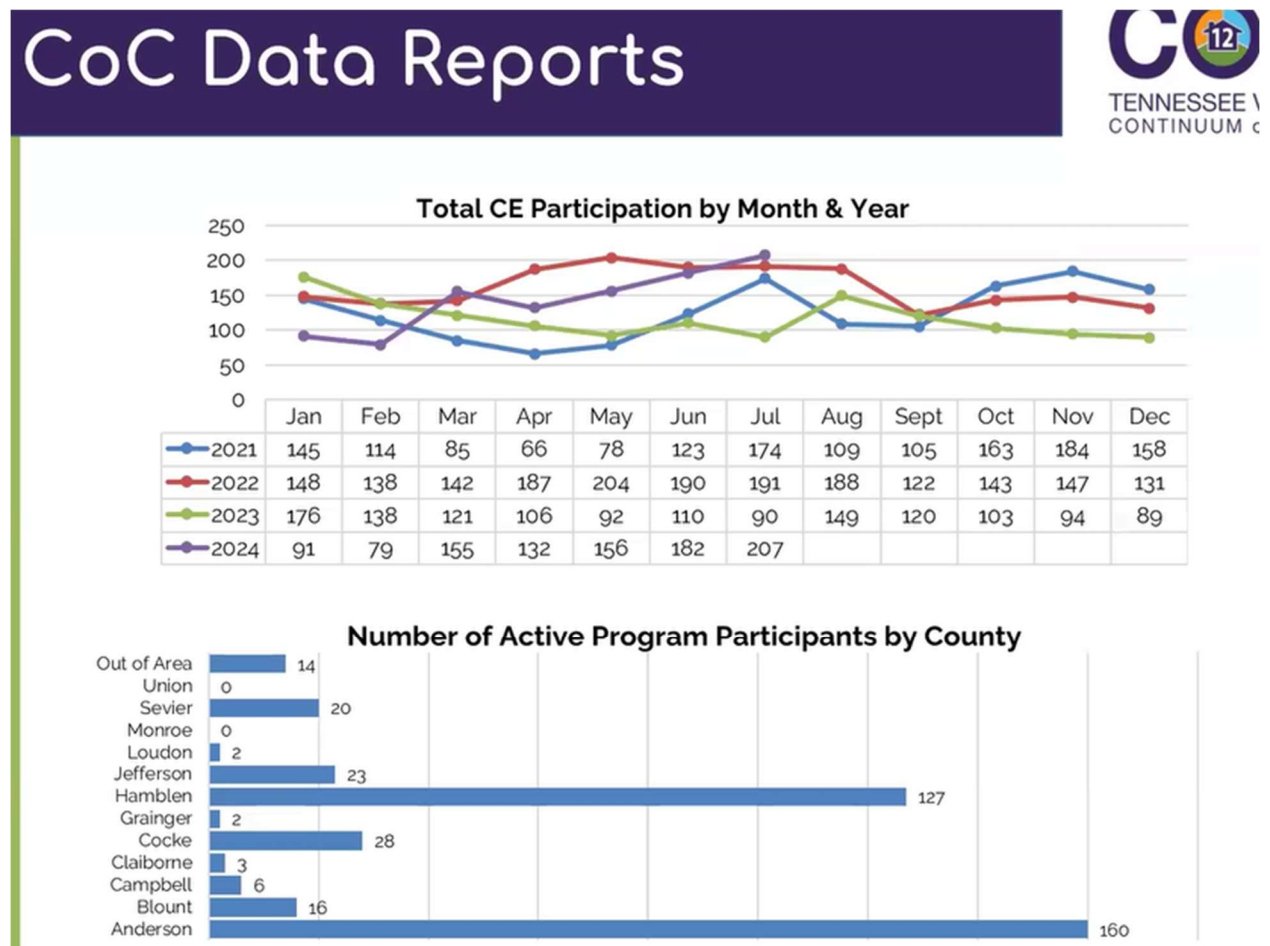
Taylor Pierce | MATS

MATS is almost fully staffed. We also got a \$5,000 foundation check

CoC Data Reports and Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Below is a graph of our coordinated entry participation by month and year. You can see we have had an increase. I believe that has to do with TVCH increase in Street Outreach. We have another employee that is helping with Street Outreach and their dedicated time is doing intake and coordinated entries.

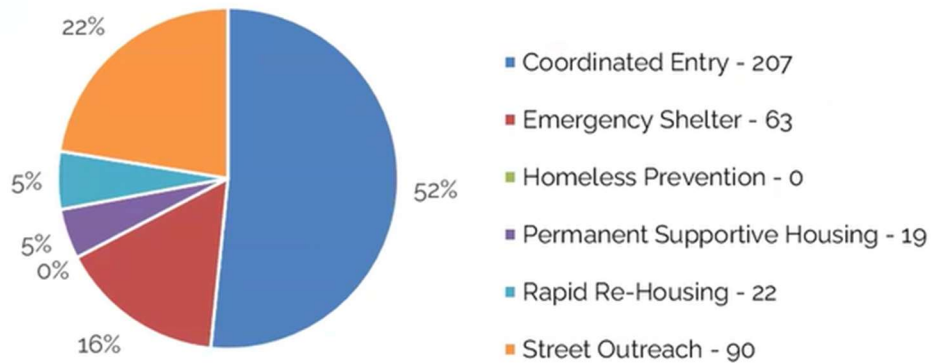


#s for the Emergency Shelter comes from Torch, Agape, and MATS. All of these #s come from HMIS.

CoC Data Reports



Percentage of Total Active Enrolments by Program Type



Total number of unduplicated individuals that are actively enrolled: 263

Percentage of Veterans – 4.56%

Percentage of Domestic Violence Victims – 4.18%

Percentage of Disabled Individuals – 58.55%

Percentage of Chronically Homeless – 19.77%

We are hovering around a B for data quality standards. Our written standard says we should be at 95%. These that I have highlighted in yellow are our culprits of data quality that we have issues with.

Timeliness Percentage: 85%. Our data quality plan says that we are going to have information entered in three days or less.

CoC Data Report



| GRADE BASED ON COUNT FOR EACH ELEMENT: | HUD UDE ONLY | Additional ONLY | HUD Verification ONLY | OVERALL |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | A | B | B | B |
| | 95.67% | 93.67% | 90.89% | 93.41% |

| Data Element | Required for | Number of Applicable Entry Exits | Number of Non-Null Values | Percentage Complete |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| *HUD Universal Data Elements: | | | | |
| Prior Living Situation | Adults/HoH | 193 | 181 | 93.78% |
| Length of Stay in Previous Place | Adults/HoH | 193 | 148 | 76.68% |
| Relationship to Head of Household | All | 270 | 256 | 94.81% |
| Client Location | HoH ONLY | 147 | 137 | 93.20% |

| Additional Data Elements: | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Income Received (Y/N) | Adults/HoH | 193 | 179 | 92.75% |
| Non-Cash Benefit Received (Y/N) | Adults/HoH | 193 | 180 | 93.26% |
| Covered by Health Insurance (Y/N) | All | 270 | 252 | 93.33% |

| HUD Verification: (Elements measure completeness at entry ONLY) | | | | |
|--|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Disability Type | All | 247 | 187 | 75.71% |
| Income Source | Adults/HoH | 179 | 167 | 93.30% |
| Non-Cash Source | Adults/HoH | 179 | 163 | 91.06% |

| June 2024 Timeliness Calculation | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | # of Project Start Records | # of Project Exit Records |
| 0 days | 3 | 15 |
| 1-3 days | 30 | 22 |
| 4-6 days | 3 | 4 |
| 7-10 days | 0 | 5 |
| 11+ days | 0 | 0 |
| Timeliness Percentage: | | 85% |

See the Report PDF in the Chat for the full data report.

Governing Council Opportunities

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

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

*Unaccompanied Youth

The governing council is the governing body for the continuum of care. They work with policy developments and things like that. Your written standards that folks must abide by within the CoC are written by the governing council and then proposed to the CoC for approval.

Upcoming Training

Fair Housing Training
Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Date: July 15, 2024
Time: 12p-1p
Format: Virtual
Registration Link to Come

Do you have ideas for a CoC training opportunity? Email kmcquire@tvceh.org

CoC Collaborative Application

- *The Collaborative Application is made available by HUD in the summer/fall.
- *This application process provides funding for specific programming within the CoC.
- *Any CoC Member Agency can apply for this competitive funding.
- *HUD will release information on eligibility, application focus, and other considerations with the FY24 NOFO
- *Interested in learning more about this funding opportunity, the application process, or eligible programming? Email kmcquire@tvceh.org

Whenever this application comes out, the process will start as far as there will be a local call for applications. Individual agencies will submit what are called project applications. Those will go through our rank and review committee to be reviewed. They will be scored, and they will be ranked in accordance of most likely to be funded.

If you are a CoC member agency, which means you pay your dues and you are in good standing, which means you are attending our meetings regularly, I believe it is 70%. You can apply for competitive funding. I do want to note that this funding is competitive, so the funding is competitive within our region.

Rank & Review Committee

We are still looking for folks to help with the Rank & Review Committee. Especially the actual rank and review process of things. The reading of the applications, the ranking of the applications, and scoring typically, from my understanding was like a full day last year. If you are part of an organization that is applying for funding whether you are a staff member, volunteer or board member, you are not eligible to help with rank and review. We want to make sure we keep that extremely objective when it comes to the actual ranking. BUT-you can help with tools development.

Rank & Review Committee



- Project applications submitted to the CoC for the FY 2024 application cycle must be reviewed and accepted/ ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC.
- The Rank & Review Committee is looking for 3-5 individuals from community partners to help with the rank and review process for 2024 NOFO, which includes the following responsibilities:
 - Help develop and update TVCoC ranking tools
 - Participate in the review and ranking process
 - Help document scores during the ranking process
 - Submit ranking outcomes to TVCoC membership
- Time Commitment
 - Up to 1 hour/ week leading up to NOFO announcement (typically early to mid-July)
 - 4-6 hours (broken into 2 days) to rank projects as a committee
 - Time commitment will increase during the review week to accommodate the review of all project applications. This can vary depending on each committee member.
- If you are interested in becoming more involved and learning about the projects being funded by the TVCoC, please reach out to Allie Cohn at cohnab@ridgeview.com
- We hope to continue to diversify our committee as we bring in new CoC members to uplift new voices and experiences that could help inform services and programs within the region we serve.

PIT & HIC Committee

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

We are starting the Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Chart official CoC Committee next month. We need everyone's voices in order to make it as comprehensive and inclusive as we possibly can for our region. We are looking for at least 12 individuals, one from each county that will be willing to step up and lead the point in time county for their county. But, we are happy to take anyone that wants to be involved. The goal for each of our individuals that are leading a county is to have them recruit and train volunteers to help develop a day of the count plan, provide volunteers and count support on the day of the count, and to turn in their unsheltered information.

The time commitment is 20 to 25 hours over the next six months. We are looking at about 5 one hour long committee planning meetings over the next six months and at least one training session. Eight hours for the night and day of the count.

We really need to get representations from Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Jefferson and Grainger.

PIT & HIC Committee



The purpose of the 2025 Point-in-Time count is to produce a point-in-time estimate of people who are experiencing homelessness in the Tennessee Valley CoC's 12-county geographic area. The purpose of the 2025 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) is to produce an accurate reflection of the CoC's capacity to house homeless and formerly homeless persons.



This committee helps to plan this count each year.

The PIT & HIC Committee is looking for 12 or more individuals from community partners to help with the count in each of their counties to develop the methodologies and process for the 2025 PIT Count, which includes the following responsibilities:

- Recruiting & Training Volunteers
- Develop the Day of the Count Plan
- Provide Volunteer & Count support on the day of the Count
- Turning in their County's Unsheltered Count Summary & Survey Forms

Time Commitment – 20 – 25 hours (over the next 6 months)

- 5 - one-hour long Committee Planning Meetings
- 1 - Train-the-Trainer Training Session
- Time commitment will increase leading up to the count
- Approximately 8 hours for the night-day of the count

If you are interested in becoming more involved and learning about the needs of our region, please reach out to Nikki Lynn at nlynn@tvceh.org

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Andy O'Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org
I'm scheduling a meeting.

Katelyn McGuire – TVCH

Anyone's interested in having a voice in HMIS Data Management, how that looks, how that process looks, please reach out to Andy. We are always looking for folks to become involved in committees, so we have more voices helping lead the charge in our CoC.

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

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

We are in the process of updating the written standards for coordinated entry. We need everyone's voices. We are working on a prioritization tool. That was what the survey was for a few months ago. If you are interested in committing about an hour every month to that committee to make sure our intake and prioritization is done properly, please get in touch with Tiffany or myself. The next committee meeting is Wednesday July 24 at 10:00 am via zoon. The link is on the CoC calendar on our website.

Katelyn McGuire – TVCH

If anyone is:

1. Involved in HMIS
2. Looking to become involved with HMIS.
3. Wants to have a voice in how our CoC prioritizes folks in need.

Please lend your voice to this committee. Coordinated entry is the entry point to our CoC. The goal is that you have this prioritization tool that allows your most vulnerable and most in need folks to be prioritized within the CoC so that they can receive services as quickly as possible. As the coordinated Entry Committee is working on developing that tool and developing those written standards, if you guys think you have anything to say about it, hop into a meeting.

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

We are planning to have that first official meeting at the end of August.

Katelyn McGuire – TVCH

Through these numbers with the PIT/HIC, this is how HUD determines funding.

Shower Trailer Update:

Katelyn McGuire – TVCH

It started operating at the end of March. The goal is at least one a week moving forward for a while. We are also trying to find funding streams to get us a dedicated shower trailer position, because the shower trailer position takes up so much time by itself. Right now it is intertwined with our street outreach.

Macrea Love – TVCH

Cocke County Feed My Sheep this Wednesday.

SOS in Blount County on Saturday.

First Baptist Sevier next Wednesday.

For information about hosting or collaborating with our Mobile Shower Trailer, please reach out to me at mlove@tvceh.org

We have a 600 gallon grey water tank on the shower trailer. Depending on the location, we can dump on site with our sub pump or one of our hoses. Otherwise, we will hire a pumping company to come and take care of the waste.

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn closed the meeting at 10:49 am and thanked everyone for coming to it.

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

August 6 2024 Link is provided via email before the meeting as well as in the invitation.

September 3 2024

October 1 – In person

November 5 2024