

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

November 2024 Minutes

11/05/2024

Members Present:

Alistair Blair | Oak Ridge Housing Authority
Katherine Burnett | YWCA
Maria Catron | Oak Ridge Housing Authority
Amber Costner | Haven House
Rosie Cross | Ridgeview – Creating Homes Initiative
Aaron Davies | McNabb Center Blount County
Michelle Davis | True Purpose Lighthouse
Shannon Dow | LCSW-McNabb Center
Kaitlyn Elliott | A Place to Stay
Karen Ferguson | TVCH
Kennith Hawkins | Choice Health Network/Positive Living
Dewanna Henderson | TVCoC Governing Council
Sascha Henderson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Tiffany Higgenbotham | US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Stephen Huskey | First Baptist Church Sevierville/Sevierville Ministry Village
Macrea Love | TVCH
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Matt Magrans-Tillery | Cherokee Health Systems
Melody Morris | Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Andy O'Quinn | TORCH
Samantha Peach | Clinch Powell Resource Conservation and Development
Taylor Pierce | MATS
Tonya Polidoro | MATS
Melina Politte | Haven House
Sabrina Seamon | Clinch Powell Resource Conservation and Development
Anne Singleton | Cherokee Health System
Angela Stolpe | United Way Blount County
Kimberly Terry | TVCH
Jasmyn Williams | ETAAAD of ETHRA
Choices Program Assistant Manager/Assessment Coordinator
Kristi Willingham | Community Member
Donna Wright | Community Member

Call to Order: Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

Called the meeting to order 10:04 a.m.

New Business:

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Macrea Love | TVCH

We are hiring for 2 Americorps positions. We would like to get someone in around the beginning of December. If you know someone that will be good for these rolls, head them our way.

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

We posted our giving campaign for the end of the year.

Katherine Burnett | YWCA

We recently got a transitional housing grant renewed. The counties it covers are: Anderson, Roane, Knox, Loudon, Sevierville and Blount. This is designed for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking, and currently be unhoused experiencing homelessness. Also they have to be over the age of 18. Contact for YWCA Multi County Transitional Housing Program for victims of domestic violence are:

Jean Vance JVance@ywcaknox.com

Latoya Shephard Lshephard@ywcaknox.com

Michelle Davis | True Purpose Lighthouse

We have started the renovation on the homeless shelter.

Policy Updates—Vote Required

Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

Bylaws Updates—Article VII

Compensation: Governing Council members will receive no compensation CHANGED TO:

Compensation: Governing Council members will receive no compensation. This would not include members who receive stipends for recent or current lived experience.

Andy with Torch made a motion for the change.

Matt Magrans-Tillery with Cherokee Health Systems second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Bylaws Updates--Article VIII

Changed Duties of the Chair Line 2 from Preside over meetings of the TVCoC. CHANGED TO: Preside over meetings of the TVCoC concerning Governance and Governing Council Topics/Issues.

REMOVE: Duties of Vice-Chair: Coordinate monthly TVCoC agenda with Collaborative Applicant Liaison.

ADD: Duties of Collaborative Applicant Liaison: 2. Coordinate monthly TVCoC agenda with the Governing Council, and disseminate to the TVCoC members. 3. Preside over the meetings of the TVCoC, excluding Governance and Governing Council topics/issues.

Nikki with TVCH made a motion for the change.

Andy with Torch second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Bylaws Updates—Article XI

REMOVED: and approving the submission of application in response from TVCoC service providers to the NOFA published by HUD. ADDED: The CoC will nominate and designate the Collaborative Applicant annually. The Collaborative Applicant has the authority to approve and submit the CoC program application based on this designation.

Andy with Torch made a motion for the change.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Policies Updates—Document 4

CHANGED the verbiage of partnering with TVCH to partnering with TVCoC and lowering fees. Places of Worship would be \$50.00, reducing the fees for city and county government and the for-profit businesses to \$75.00. Waiving fees for any Federal and State Department, and formerly or currently homeless individuals.

Andy with Torch made a motion for the change.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Governing Council Nominations

Representing the Persons with HIV/AIDS Category – Haley Emitt, Choice Health Network

Representing Unaccompanied Youth Category – Matt Magrans-Tillery, Cherokee Health Systems

Andy with Torch made a motion to add Haley and Matt to the Governing Council.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Governing Council Officers

Tonya agrees to continue as “Interim Chair” for 2025 and fall back to the regular GC body for term 2026.

Tiffany Higginbotham accepts nomination for Vice Chair

Katelyn to serve as “Interim Secretary”

Andy with Torch made a motion for the suggestion for the officers for governing council.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Lead Agency MOU

Update with a start date of 11/15/2024-11/15/2025

Andy with Torch made a motion.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

Designations for 2025

Lead Agency Designation – TVCH

HMIS Lead Designation – TVCH

Collaborative Applicant Designation – TVCH

Andy with Torch made a motion.

Angela Stolpe with United Way Blount County second the motion.

All was in favor-none opposed.

CoC Data Reports and Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave numbers and percentages of total active enrolments by program type, Total CE participation by month and year, number of active program participants by county and data quality report.

CoC Program Application Update

Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

HUD CoC Program Application was submitted.

Training Survey

Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

Please complete the training survey provided in the November CoC agenda email so that we can start to plan training opportunities for 2025.

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Narcan training December 6 at 1:00pm at Knoxville Habitat for Humanity in Knoxville

CoC Committee Updates:

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

We are working on policies and procedures.

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

The next two meetings are the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. We will be looking at alternate scheduling. Please email myself or Nikki Lynn and we will get you the updated dates.

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

PIT count date: January 29, 2025. We are looking for County Liaisons for: Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, and Union. Next PIT Committee Meeting: November 6 at 11 am on zoom. Discussing sheltered locations and survey questions. Another meeting is on November 26 2024. We will be talking about unsheltered locations.

Written Standards Committee – Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com

We are still working on the written standards.

BFZ Improvement Committee – Co Chairs Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org

Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org

We are doing our logic model for BFZ.

QUESTIONS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Closing: Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

Tonya closed the meeting at 11:04 am.

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

January 7 2025 @ 10 am this is an In-Person Meeting

February 4 2025 Virtual

March 4 2025 Virtual

April 1 2025 In-Person

May 6 2025 Virtual

June 3 2025 Virtual

July 8 2025 In-Person

August 5 2025 Virtual

September 2 2025 Virtual

October 7 2025 In-Person

November 4 2025 Virtual