

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

October 2024 Minutes

10/01/2024

Members Present:

Amber | Finance Manager HOC HomeSource E TN
Laurel Bowen | A Place To Stay
Jan Cagle | Ridgeview
Rosie Cross | Ridgeview – Creating Homes Initiative
Sherry Crouse | Director Knoxville DRC
Michelle Davis | The Lighthouse Monroe County
Shannon Dow | LCSW-McNabb Center
Karen Ferguson | TVCH
Staci Galloway | East 1 Housing Coordinator-TN Dept of Correction
Kennith Hawkins | Choice Health Network/Positive Living
Sascha Henderson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Tiffany Higgenbotham | US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Stephen Huskey | First Baptist Church Sevierville/Sevierville Ministry Village
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
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
Allie Cohn Sheher | Hellbender Harm Reduction
Kimberly Terry | TVCH
Caitlin Torney | Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Jasmyn Williams | ETAAAD of ETHRA
Choices Program Assistant Manager/Assessment Coordinator

Call to Order: Tonya Polidoro – Governing Council Chair

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

CoC Education Spotlight: Katelyn McGuire – Built for Zero Initiative

Improvement Team Development
Strategy Development for 2025
By Names List for Veterans
Data Collection and Reporting
Community Level Coaching

Interested in Learning more:

By Names List – Contact Nikki Lynn at nlynn@tvceh.org

Improvement Team – Contact Katelyn McGuire at kmcguire@tvceh.org

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Katelyn spoke about the shower trailer being in Cocke County after the disaster. Lowes donated 500 gallons of water.

Sascha Henderson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center

Sascha introduced us to Rosie Cross, the newest member of the CHI team (the new Allie)

Andy O’Quinn | TORCH

We have moved 18 people into sober living facilities.

Jasmyne Williams | ETAAAD of ETHRA

Choices Program Assistant Manager/Assessment Coordinator

We are collecting donations for everyone in Cocke County.

CoC Data Reports and Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave numbers on the coordinated entry participation.

CoC Updates:

CoC Program Application Update: Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Katelyn talked about HUD CoC Program Glossary terms and CoC Program Application Timeline. <https://tvchomeless.org/continuum-of-care/cocnofo2024/>
Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org 865-440-8670

Governing Council Nominations: Tonya Polidor | Governing Council Chair

The Governing Council will review the nominations and new Governing Council members will be voted on by the CoC Membership (Partner Agencies who have paid CoC Dues) at the November meeting.

PIT Software Update Proposal: Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki put forth a proposal to the CoC to vote on changing the PIT Count App Vendor for 2025 count from SimTech to Hyperion. Tonya Polidoro | MATS made a motion to approve the proposal and Katelyn McGuire | TVCH second the motion to approve the proposal. 19 members approved, none opposed.

Upcoming Training: Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

DV101 Virtual Training
Provided by the YWCA of Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley
October 17 12-1pm
Registration link to come

CoC Committee Updates:

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

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

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:
October 29 at 11 am on zoom.

Written Standards Committee – Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com

Rank & Review Committee – Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Still looking for volunteers.

BFZ Improvement Committee – Co Chairs Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org

QUESTIONS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn closed the meeting at 11:01 am.

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

November 5th @ 10 am this is a Virtual Meeting