

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

April 2025 Minutes

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Members Present:

Airika Actouka | Westcare Tennessee
Sarah Bradsher | Knox County Grants and Community Development/Public Safety
Katherine Burnette | YWCA
Corey Clark | VBHCS
Rosie Cross | Ridgeview – Creating Homes Initiative
Aaron Davies | McNabb Center Blount County
Sharon D Davis | Lighthouse Community Life Center
Kaitlyn Elliott | A Place to Stay
Haley Emitt | Positively Living & Choice Health Network
Karen Ferguson | TVCH
Kennith Hawkins | Positively Living & Choice Health Network
Sascha Henderson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Candace Huddleston | Community Member
Julia Kendrick | YWCA
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
Andy O’Quinn | TORCH
Taylor Pierce | MATS
Tonya Polidoro | MATS
Kimberly Terry | TVCH
Blair Trout | The Salvation Army of Sevier and Cocke Counties
Matt Magrans-Tillery | Cherokee Health Systems
Jami Wilson | Haven House

Call to Order: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn called the meeting to order 10:05 a.m.

Discussion:

Katelyn opened the meeting with a discussion:

“We know that homelessness solutions in every community look different. What successful or unsuccessful solutions have you seen in your community or other communities that could apply to other rural counties?” Katelyn McGuire with TVCH, Andy O’Quinn with Torch, Matt Magrans-Tillery with Cherokee Health Systems, Rosie Cross with Ridgeview/Creating Homes Initiative, and Nikki Lynn with TVCH contributed to this discussion.

New Business:

Legislative Updates:

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Katelyn also spoke on the Tennessee Legislation:

Campsite Removal on State Property HB0197

Obstruction of Highways, Sidewalks, etc. – Misdemeanor to Felony HB0729

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Tonya Polidoro | MATS

MATS is having a 5k glow run on April 5th.

Family Fun Day is in June.

Airika Actouka | Westcare Tennessee

April 2 is our Job Fair in Jefferson County – Field of Dreams Activity Center in Dandridge.

May 17 is our Prevent and Prosper Community Wellness Fair that will be in Cocke County at the fairgrounds one to five pm.

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Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

We launched our shower trailer last week. There is a calendar on our website. Anyone interested in hosting the shower trailer, contact Macrea Love mlove@tvceh.org

Rosie Cross | Ridgeview – Creating Homes Initiative

There will be a Community Health Summit later this month. They do ask you to RSVP. If you have any questions email me at Crossbr@ridgeview.com

Short Film Screening:

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

July's in person CoC meeting will feature a short film screening of "Until We're All Home".

Breakfast and coffee will be provided. A virtual option is available also.

CoC Data Reports

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave information from the Data Reports for March. —Total CE Participation by Month and Year, Number of Active Program Participants by County, Percentage of Total Active Enrolments by Program Type, and Data Quality Report. Data Quality is at A (95.61%) THANK YOU!

Nikki Lynn and Kimberly Terry are available if you need help.

CoC Updates

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Email Katelyn at kmcguire@tvceh.org to be put on our TVCoC Listerv to receive the TVCoC Resource Email.

Training Updates---The TVCoC calendar will be updated as training is scheduled throughout the year. You can find the calendar at tvhomeless.org. Katelyn also gave a list of trainings that are scheduled.

CoC Membership & Dues---Katelyn spoke about what you would do to become a TVCoC member and be able to vote. Also she spoke about the application, and how it is different this year.

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Chair: Andy O’Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org
Nikki Lynn | TVCH – Our next meeting will be April 15 10:00am via zoom. Link is on our calendar.

Coordinated Entry Committee – Chair: Tiffany Higginbotham tiffany.higginbotham@va.gov
Next meeting is April 24 9:30a-11:00a. There is a shared onedrive through Microsoft with updates. Email Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org for the link.

PIT/HIC Committee – Chair: Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org
We are still working on scrubbing data.

Written Standards Committee – Chair: Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH -- We are waiting to hear from HUD, but we know we will be having to take out all of the equity diversity, anything pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community and things like that.

Rank & Review Committee – Chair: Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH – We got our TA back!! We will be working on Written Standards and Rank & Review with our TA.

BFZ Improvement Committee – Co Chairs: Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org
We are looking into landlord engagement and how to get our faith-based community involved in the CoC. Reach out to kmcguire@tvceh.org for more information.

QUESTIONS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency
Katelyn closed the meeting at 11:05 am.

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

May 6 2025 @ 10 am 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