# C TENNESSEE VALLEY CONTINUUM of CARE

The mission of the Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care is to foster collaborative efforts that enhance awareness and create solutions to prevent, reduce, and alleviate homelessness in our region.

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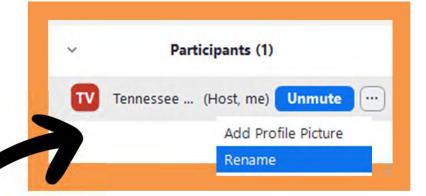
# April 1st, 2025

## House Keeping Notes:





This is how we will take attendance!



Mute your audio!

Change your Zoom name to include your first & last name, pronouns (if you'd like), and your organization.

## 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?

## Tennessee Legislation



#### Campsite Removal on State Property - HB0197

As introduced, requires the department of transportation to develop and implement a policy, through partnership with other state and local agencies and nonprofit entities, regarding the collection, storage, claiming, and disposal of personal property used for camping from the shoulder, berm, or right-of-way of a state or interstate highway, or under a bridge or overpass, or within an underpass, of a state or interstate highway. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 13; Title 39; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 71. (Also contains this: "Completion of all removal operations initiated as a result of a citizen complaint within thirty (30) days following the receipt of the complaint")

The aggressive 30-day timeline outlined in this bill will create additional hardships for people who are unhoused and the outreach organizations that assist them. Removing people's personal belongings through camp closures has also been shown to have a negative impact on people's health and wellbeing and can prolong homelessness.

\*\*\*This bill will be heard in the Government Operations Committee next Monday with the hope to push for amendments. There is a petition organizations, churches, and other stakeholders can sign. You can access it <u>here</u> and read the full petition <u>here</u>. \*\*\*

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

As introduced, increases the penalty for obstruction of a highway, street, sidewalk, railway, waterway, elevator, aisle, hallway, or other place used for the passage of persons or vehicles from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony; establishes an increased penalty of a Class D felony if the offense was committed by intentionally obstructing a highway, street, or other place used for the passage of vehicles. - Amends TCA Title 39.

\*\*\*The bill is now carrying the amendment we made that excludes sidewalks and other passageways (except for highways/roads) from the felony offense. It will be in the House Judiciary Committee on April 2nd.\*\*\*

## **New Business:**



# Individual Agency News/Updates/ Agency Successes!

## Short Film Screening



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

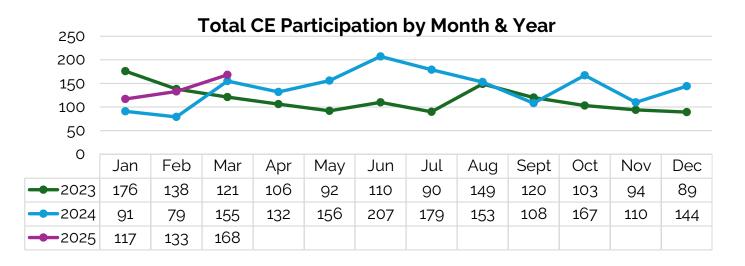
Breakfast and coffee will be provided for all attendees, along with the opportunity to network and discuss the film afterwards.

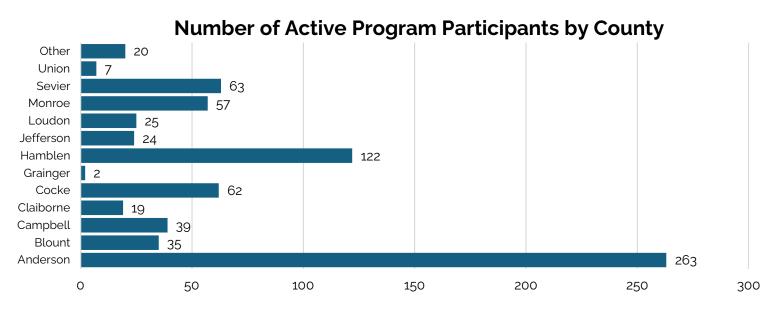
Anyone interested can attend. We will also be inviting the Knoxville/Knox County CoC.

There will be a virtual option available, also.

## CoC Data Reports



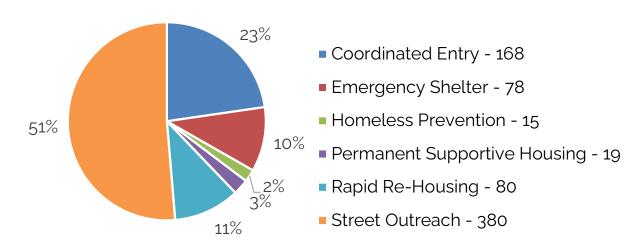




## CoC Data Reports



#### Percentage of Total Active Enrolments by Program Type



# Total number of unduplicated individuals that are actively enrolled: 631 Unduplicated Number of Households: 487

Percentage of Veterans –6.37%

Percentage of Domestic Violence Victims – 3.80%

Percentage of Disabled Individuals – 48.34%

Percentage of Chronically Homeless – 14.26%

## CoC Data Report



GRADE BASED ON COUNT FOR EACH ELEMENT:	HUD UDE ONLY	Additional ONLY	HUD Verification ONLY  B  93.73%		OVERALL
	Α	Α			<b>A</b> 95.61%
	97.81%	95.30%			
*HUD Universal Data Elements:					
Social Security Number		All	571	521	91.29%
Race and Ethnicity		All	571	538	94.25%
Additional Data Elements:					
Income Received (Y/N)		Adults/HoH	237	224	94.51%
HUD Verification: (Elements measure completene	ss at entry ONLY)			•	
Disability Type		All	262	244	93.13%
Income Source		Adults/HoH	240	220	91.67%
Income Amount (for all valid sources)		Adults/HoH Recv Inc = Y	128	124	96.88%
Non-Cash Source		Adults/HoH	240	222	92.50%
Health Insurance Type		All	327	309	94.50%

March 2025 Timeliness Calculation					
Timeliness Calculation	# of Project Start Records	# of Project Exit Records			
o days	13	32			
1 - 3 days	28	22			
4 - 6 days	1	2			
7 - 10 days	0	3			
11+ days	0	0			
Timeliness Percentage:	94.06%				

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

## CoC Updates



Looking to stay up to date on local events, news, best practices in homelessness, and funding opportunities?

Email Katelyn at <a href="mailto:kmcguire@tvceh.org">kmcguire@tvceh.org</a> to be put on our TVCoC Listserv to receive the TVCoC Resource Email

TVCoC has arranged various trainings for CoC Members and the public. The CoC agenda email and following slide detail each upcoming training.

## Upcoming Training



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#### TVCoC Compassion Fatigue Training by MDC

May 8, 2025 12pm-12:30pm Zoom

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89143260902?pwd=flXaDbYpkHaMl5leAbGkMgzf7jTzue.1

#### TVCoC Mental Health First Aid Training by MDC

June 13, 2025 9am-4:30pm United Way of Greater Knoxville 1301 Hannah Ave Knoxville, TN 37921

#### TVCoC QPR Suicide Prevention Training by MDC

August 13, 2025 12pm-1pm Zoom

Link:https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83561554828?pwd=e9yWWUBloa37lvGZ3atyamqoYn9nJC.1

#### TVCoC Stigma-First Person Language Training by MDC

September 23, 2025 12pm-1pm Zoom

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82941801226?pwd=iX5xLZa0syYyBAr6J2W37b5AwjTdFn.1

## CoC Membership & Dues



Looking to become a voting Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care member?

Fill out the CoC Membership application found <a href="here">here</a>

## CoC Committee Updates



#### **HMIS & Data Management**

Chair: Andy O'Quinn | andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org

#### **Coordinated Entry**

Chair: Tiffany Higginbotham | tiffany.Higginbotham@va.gov

#### PIT/HIC Committee

Chair: Nikki Lynn | nlynn@tvceh.org

#### Written Standards

Chair: Tonya Polidoro | directorofmats@gmail.com

#### Rank & Review

Chair: Angela Stolpe | astolpe@unitedwayblount.org

#### BFZ Improvement Committee

Co-Chairs: Angela Stolpe | astolpe@unitedwayblount.org Katelyn McGuire | kmcguire@tvceh.org

## Discussion/Questions



The floor is open for other questions or discussions.

## Next Meeting



# <u>Virtual Meeting</u>-

May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am

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

## 2025 CoC Meeting Dates



January 7—In person

February 4

March 4

April 1—In person

May 6

June 3

July 8—In person

August 5

September 2

October 7—In person

November 4

## Thank you for attending!



### **Proud CoC Members**















