

Call to Order: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn called the meeting to order 10:07 a.m.

New Business:

2025 PIT Updates-Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave important information regarding Point in Time Count and The Housing Inventory Count for 2025. Point in Time Count is January 29, 2025.

nlynn@tvceh.org Nikki Lynn

kterry@tvceh.org Kimberly Terry

PIT Count “Train the Trainer” session at United Way of Greater Knoxville January 7 at 11:30 am.

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:

Tiffany Higgenbotham | US Dept of Veteran Affairs

Our project-based voucher apartment complex is opening today. All 32 beds will be filled by the end of the week. This was done by a partnership with KCDC and the VA. Also, we reached our goal that the Secretary of the VA gives us every year by housing 276 veterans in 2024.

Jasmyn Williams | ETAAAD of ETHRA

Choices Program Assistant Manager/Assessment Coordinator

The East TN CHOICES Coordination Meeting is going to take place on 1.23.25 at 10:00 am-12pm in Knoxville.

CoC Data Reports and Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave numbers and percentages of 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.

CoC Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave a TVCoC Calendar subscription tutorial to subscribe to the CoC Calendar.

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Training Updates---The TVCoC calendar will be updated as training is scheduled throughout the year.

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.

2025 Partner Spotlights----If you are interested in spotlighting your organization, email Katelyn McGuire at kmcguire@tvceh.org

Housing & Homelessness Day on the Hill----February 18 2025. If you have any questions, please contact kmcguire@tvceh.org Register at bit.ly/doth2025

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Chair: Andy O’Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org
Nikki Lynn | TVCH – We are working on splitting up of sections in our HMIS policies and procedures and we are outlining corrective actions. Next meeting is Tuesday January 21 2025 at 10:00 am via zoom.

Coordinated Entry Committee – Chair: Tiffany Higginbotham tiffany.higginbotham@va.gov
We are working on our updating our policies and procedures, and also we are still working on creating a collaborative tool to asses vulnerabilities for persons. Next meeting is 2:00pm on January 28 virtual.

PIT/HIC Committee – Chair: Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org
PIT count date: January 29, 2025. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for the PIT.

Written Standards Committee – Chair: Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com
We are 70% finished for the first draft of the written standards. Our next meeting is February 7 2025.

BFZ Improvement Committee – Co Chairs: Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Katelyn McGuire kmcguire@tvceh.org
We are talking through what the trends are in our region, what the needs are in our region, and how do we create solutions that are going to cater to those needs and those trends

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH

Katelyn spoke about the SSVF Grant that has opened for this year. This is for veterans and families.

QUESTIONS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Taylor Pierce | MATS

MATS has a waiting list for their male dormitory. They do have some female beds available.

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn closed the meeting at 11:01 am.

Dates for the upcoming COC 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