

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

June 2025 Minutes

6/03/2025

Members Present:

Sarah Bradsher | Knox County Grants and Community Development/Public Safety
Katherine Burnette | YWCA Victim Services
Allie Cohn | Hellbender Harm Reduction
Erika Chiruck | McNabb Center
Corey Clark | VBHCS
Laura Contreras-Alanis | HomeSource East Tennessee
Alyssa Cook | TORCH
Rosie Cross | Ridgeview – Creating Homes Initiative
Kaitlyn Elliott | A Place to Stay
Haley Emmitt | Choice Health Network
Abhilasha Ghosh | A Place To Stay
Hayley Griffith | Education & Outreach Coordinator, CCAHT
Kennith Hawkins | Positively Living & Choice Health Network
Tiffany Higginbotham | US Dept of Veterans Affairs
Dewanna Henderson | TVCoC Governing Council
Sascha Henderson | Creating Homes Initiative/McNabb Center
Jennifer Krzmarcik | PATH Director VBHCS
Macrea Love | TVCH
Katie Luckadoo | Creating Homes Initiative and Frontier Health
Matt Magrans-Tillery | Cherokee Health Systems
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
Kristi Willingham | KARM
Jami Wilson | Haven House

Call to Order: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m.

Partner Spotlight: Hayley Griffith with Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Hayley spoke about CCAHT's (Organization) programs and services/Myths and Reality. Also known as Grow Free Tennessee (Direct Service Program)

865-292-0285 www.growfreetn.org hayley@ccaht.org. Awareness materials:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17SSTyAA9SNG0kSSycRrA9AmgOgX9CqYW?usp=sharing>

Adult & Youth Services 865-292-0285 Hannah Brinson hannah@ccaht.org

Discussion:**Katelyn McGuire | TVCH**

lead this discussion:

*How do you use AI applications within your nonprofit to help alleviate the large workload we often have in the non-profit world?

New Business:**CoC Builds:****Katelyn McGuire | TVCH**

Katelyn spoke about the Continuum of Care Builds NOFO adding new units permanent supportive housing (PSH) for individuals and families experiencing homelessness through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation. If you are interested, contact Katelyn McGuire at kmcguire@tvceh.org

Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes:**Andy O'Quinn | TORCH**

Alyssa Cook is a new employee at TORCH. She is working on fundraising and my backup.

Tiffany Higginbotham | US Dept of Veterans Affairs

We have a position coming open soon. It's a SUD/HUD VASH position. Watch for it to post to USA jobs.

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**Katelyn McGuire | TVCH**

Katelyn gave information from the Data Reports for April. —Total CE Participation by Month and Year, Number of Active Program Participants by County (all counties were represented), Percentage of Total Active Enrolments by Program Type, and Data Quality Report. Data Quality is at A (98.21%) THANK YOU! Timeliness Calculation is down to 84.44%
Nikki Lynn and Kimberly Terry are available if you need help.

CoC Updates

Katelyn McGuire | TVCH HMIS Announcements

HMIS End-User Office Hours Thursday June 19, 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm. Topic: Households
Training Updates---The TVCoC calendar will be updated as training is scheduled throughout the year. You can find the calendar at tvchomeless.org. Katelyn also gave a list of trainings that are scheduled.

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Chair: Andy O’Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org
No updates at this time.

Coordinated Entry Committee – Chair: Tiffany Higginbotham tiffany.higginbotham@va.gov
Next meeting is June 26 2025 9:30a-11:00a.

PIT/HIC Committee – Chair: Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org
PIT/HIC Committee will ramp back up July or August 2025

Written Standards Committee – Chair: Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com
We are waiting for the different committees to get their languages right and back to us.

Rank & Review Committee – Chair: Angela Stolpe astolpe@unitedwayblount.org
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH Spoke about the NOFO in regards to it being for two years vs one year.

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

July 8 2025 In-Person
August 5 2025 Virtual
September 2 2025 Virtual
October 7 2025 In-Person
November 4 2025 Virtual