

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

September 2 2025 Minutes

Members Present:

Katherine Burnette | YWCA
Erika Chiruck | McNabb Center
Allie Cohn | Overdose Prevention Director Hellbender Harm Reduction
Rosie Cross | Regional Housing Facilitator for Region 2 Creating Homes Initiative
Michelle Davis | TP Lighthouse Supportive Housing
Brynn Fann | Community Member
Dewanna Henderson | TVCoC Governing Council
Sascha Henderson | Substance Use Regional Housing Facilitator Creating Homes Initiative 2.0/McNabb Center
Macrea Love | TVCH
Nikki Lynn | TVCH
Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
Andy O'Quinn | TORCH
Taylor Pierce | MATS
Shantel Standefer | CCAHT
Angela Stolpe | TVCH YHSI Coordinator
Kimberly Terry | TVCH
Blair Trout | The Salvation Army Sevierville
Michael Yates | Ridgeview

Call to Order: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

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

Katelyn spoke on the importance of entering your name and who you are representing in the chat.

Partner Spotlight

Allie Cohn | Hellbender Harm Reduction, Overdose Prevention Director

Allie spoke about Hellbender Harm Reduction. Hellbender Harm Reduction provides harm reduction supplies and advancing policies that support people who use drugs. Hellbender has a lot of participants from surrounding counties. Allie's program is the Statewide Naloxone Mail Based Distribution program. To contact Hellbender Harm Reduction:

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Individual Agency News/Updates/Agency Successes

Andy O'Quinn | TORCH

Our golf tournament went well and today at 11:00am we will be on 97.5

Michael Yates | Ridgeview

This Saturday we have our Oak Ridge Fall Classic 5K, which is aligned with National Suicide Prevention Awareness. It takes place on Melton Hill Greenway. We start at 8:30 am. You can register the day of or on our website.

Erika Chiruck | McNabb Center

Update on McNabb Transitional Campus in Blount County: It has gotten pushed back to January, but there is continued progress.

CoC Data Reports & Updates

Nikki Lynn | TVCH

Nikki gave an update on CoC Data Reports. Coordinated Entry was lower this month than last month, but we are seeing more activity in each county. Our grade is at 97.80% overall. Timeliness percentage is at 69.41%. Next HMIS Office Hours is Thursday September 25, 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm. Everyone needs to be there so that they are aware of the new updates.

New Business: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

HUD Policy: Translation Services: Katelyn spoke on HUD's One Voice Initiative. HUD has stated it will no longer provide translation services to those who receive its services outside of accommodations required under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Violence Against Women's Act.

Governing Council Nominations: There are currently no open seats on the Governing Council. If any seats become available, the application process will be open to CoC members in good standing (attendance at 70% of meetings and dues paid).

CoC Committee Updates:

HMIS & Data Management – Chair: Andy O'Quinn andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org

Next Data Management meeting is September 16, 2025.

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

Next meeting is September 25, 2025 at 9:30 am.

PIT/HIC Committee – Chair: Nikki Lynn nlynn@tvceh.org

We will be doing the official release of the point in time count results for 2025 on Wednesday September 3, 2025 1:00pm-2:00pm via zoom. We are excited to have Angela on our team. She is going to be focusing on our youth and school count.

Written Standards Committee – Chair: Tonya Polidoro directorofmats@gmail.com

We are meeting every two weeks. Hopefully it will be done by the November meeting.

Rank & Review Committee – Chair: Open Position; Katelyn McGuire | TVCH
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If you are interested in joining this committee, or learning what we do, please let me know.

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

We are working on how to move forward with landlord engagement, and improving faith based relationships in our communities.

Upcoming Trainings:

TVCoC Stigma-First Person Language Training by MDC

September 23 2025

12pm-1pm

Zoom

Closing: Katelyn McGuire – Lead Agency

Katelyn closed the meeting at 11:00 am.

Dates for the upcoming COC meeting

October 7 2025 In-Person

November 4 2025 Virtual