

UPDATE on the Nashville-Davidson Continuum of Care Technical Assistance Process December 28, 2016

Progress to Date

TA assistance began with a site visit from the Cloudburst team, who led a series of kickoff sessions with various stakeholders on November 9th and 10th at the HUD Nashville Field Office. Many thanks to those who were able to attend. Attached for your reference are

- **Cloudburst's Community Presentation from the Nov. 10th CoC session.**
- **Cloudburst's notes from the site visit.**

Because of the vast size of the community, Cloudburst has recommended the creation of a small, interdisciplinary group of key players representing the many different groups already meeting on homelessness to help steer Cloudburst to the problems that need to be resolved in Nashville so that the community can end homelessness. This "Steering Committee" is temporary and will disband at the conclusion of the TA process. Its purpose is to serve as a conduit of information and to facilitate discussion; it is not a decision-making body. Meetings of the Steering Committee will be publicized via email updates and on the MDHA CoC webpage, and stakeholders are welcome to observe. The work of the Steering Committee will be shared and open for discussion at subsequent Community Meetings. The Steering Committee is comprised of the following:

- Representatives of the Homelessness Commission Governance Task Force: Liz Allen Fey (business community), Kirby Davis (landlord), Freddie O'Connell (Metro Council), and Wendell Segroves (lived experience)
- Representatives of the CoC Governance Committee: Rachel Hester (nonprofit), Beth Shinn (Vanderbilt University), and Catherine Knowles (Metro Nashville Public Schools)
- Representative from the Mayor's Office: Erik Cole
- Representative from MDHA: Jim Harbison/Angie Hubbard (designee)
- Representative from Metro Social Services: Renee Pratt or designee
- Representative from How's Nashville Steering Committee: Matt Preston (nonprofit).

Next Steps

The Cloudburst team will be in Nashville January 12th and 13th for another site visit. On January 12th, the Cloudburst team will meet with the **Steering Committee** from 9:00am –

Noon at the MDHA Collaboration Center, located at 701 South 6th Street. Again, stakeholders are welcome to observe.

The Metro Homelessness Commission will convene on Friday, January 13th at the Sonny West Conference Center, Howard Office Building, at 9:00 am. This will be an abbreviated meeting. Immediately following the Commission meeting, the Cloudburst team will host a **Community Meeting** with all stakeholders (i.e., Commission members, CoC members, How's Nashville Steering Committee, Homeless Coalition, etc.). This meeting is anticipated to last until 12:30 pm.

Please return to the Sonny West Conference Center at 1:30 pm for a **Listening Session**. The Cloudburst team will be available for a free and open dialogue with stakeholders without the presence of local government representatives. (Staff from Metro, MDHA, and the Commission will not be present.)

Please mark your calendars for these meetings and plan to attend. Your input is critical!

Concurrent Processes

While we are working through this TA process and developing a stronger system to address homelessness, we must remain vigilant in continuing to provide services and respond to the funding opportunities made available by the federal government. It may be possible that HUD will release the next CoC NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) during the TA process, and we must prepare to submit a strong application. In this regard, the CoC By-laws Subcommittee will continue working to tighten membership requirements and voting rights with assistance from Cloudburst. All work will be discussed at Community and CoC meetings, and nothing will be adopted without approval of the CoC membership.

As in years past, the strength of our CoC application for funding rests on the strength of our data. Further, our ability to analyze the performance of our system hinges on data. Cloudburst will be offering assistance to help us overcome data challenges and become a data-driven system.

Communication Strategy

This TA process is aimed to create a system to end homelessness in Nashville. The first step in fostering this is to bring all stakeholders together and have a community dialogue. Members of the various stakeholder groups – MHC, CoC, How's Nashville, and the Nashville Homeless Coalition – will be treated as one community. So that every stakeholder has the same information about the TA process:

- MDHA will provide an update on the process at least bi-weekly. This update will be distributed to all stakeholders via email and be posted on the MDHA CoC website. Updates will be provided within 5 business days of a Cloudburst site visit.
- Stakeholders should plan to attend Community Meetings to engage with Cloudburst and other stakeholders and ask questions.
- MDHA will collect questions asked at various stakeholder meetings, submitted by email, etc., summarize those questions, and include written responses in the updates.

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Additional Information

If you would like additional information about the Nashville-Davidson Continuum of Care, please visit our website at: <http://www.nashville-mdha.org/community-development/about-the-continuum-of-care/>.