

# CoC General Meeting Minutes

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019

TYPE: REGULARLY-  
SCHEDULED

TIME: 10:15 A.M.

LOCATION: NASHVILLE RESCUE  
MISSION

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Matt Gray, Matthew 25
<b>TAKER OF MINUTES</b>	Suzie Tolmie, MDHA Staff
<b>MEMBER ATTENDEES</b>	Membership Committee, On File

## OCTOBER MINUTES & REMEMBRANCE

<b>MATTHEW GRAY</b>	<p>Matt Gray asked if there were any corrections to the October 2019 CoC General meeting minutes. There were none &amp; the minutes were approved.</p> <p>Matt said that Lindsey Krinks has developed a list of homeless people who have died during the year, which will be read at the December Homeless Memorial service, and to send her names that she may not have. Suzie will send an email out about this.</p>
<b>DEATHS SINCE LAST MEETING</b>	Attendees were asked to observe a moment of silence to remember members of the homeless community who had died during the prior month.

## COC GENERAL BUSINESS

<b>COC TRAINING</b>	Suzie Tolmie briefly reviewed the list of training HUD asked about in the last competition. She will work with the Standards of Care Committee & the Coalition to coordinate. She also presented details from the HUD CoC Region IV Conference held November 12-13 in Miami. [see p 3-4 of minutes for these]
<b>Committee Updates, Recruiting &amp; Development</b>	
<b>CHARTER COMMITTEE</b>	The committee needs a new chair.
<b>COUNT SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	The PIT count will be Thursday, January 23. Tina Sivley announced that teams are being composed and welcomed any new volunteers.
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	Grant Winter encouraged everyone to complete the Committee Interest forms, even if people are already serving as members.
<b>STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE</b>	Matt Preston said the committee is moving to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the Written Standards, and committee efforts- & is beginning to prioritize areas to focus on. The committee will begin meeting only once per month, and its next meeting/final one for 2019 will be December 6.

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OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS, AS NEEDED	Suggestions are welcome to bolster membership of the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) with people with lived experience.
UPDATE ON HERO PROGRAM	No Update.
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Nashville CARES is promoting sign-ups for ACA health insurance by people living with HIV/AIDS, and brought info cards.</p> <p>Rachel Cook reported that Metro Homeless Impact Division is hiring 2 new HMIS staff - a Data Quality Coordinator, who will focus on training, and an HMIS Data Assistant. The 2 jobs are posted on the Nashville.gov website.</p>

HUD **CoC Region IV Conference**  
12 - 13 November 2019, Miami, Florida  
Tolmie Notes

**Norm Suchar, HUD SNAPS (Special Needs Assistance Programs)**

System performance measures – “most important thing we’re doing”; look at outcomes, like:

- Reducing time homeless (emphasis on this measure will grow)
- Reducing returns to homelessness
- Increasing housing placement rates

Goal: CoC competition to be a regularly scheduled event. HUD is not quite there yet, but they intend to get to the following schedule:

- March - Close NOFA Registration
- Early May - NOFA published
- Late August- Deadline
- Grant awards announced end of calendar year

HUD Strategic Priorities:

- Vets, Youth, Chronic
- Unsheltered- #s are rising
- Rural
- “Moving On” strategies – moving folks from CoC-funded PSH to housing that does not need to be connected to services

New Questions this Year

- Employment, MOU with Workforce Board- what outcomes?
- Volunteer opportunities, Engage Homeless people in decision- making, & in implementation & planning of projects

How get more CoC funding? HOUSE HOMELESS PEOPLE!

CoCs scored well when:

- They READ the HUD Detailed Instructions
- Reallocated low performing project \$- this emphasis will continue; reallocation is not required, but if CoC shows reviewed performance criteria to rate/rank, can still earn points
- Preference at PHA
- Use performance – but balance performance with serving high-needs people
- Use Housing First practices- low barriers, quick placement, voluntary/client-driven services- but should not require services, as, based on evidence, should not jeopardize housing stability
- Reduce homelessness
- Increase PSH & RRH units
- PSH should be serving hard-to-serve; must take every measure to prevent eviction; if not an A&D facility, cannot drug screen; cannot required disability-related services

## Racial Equity

Issue will remain in NOFA, look at LSA data

## Equal Access

2012- can't discriminate based on gender, but did not cover single sex facilities

2016- If ANY CPD funding- Must take people based on their gender ID. There have been rumblings that HUD may change this. This is still the rule until anything changes.

## Youth Homeless Demonstration Program

43 grants awarded so far, another 4<sup>th</sup> round expected early next calendar year & mostly likely a round 5. HUD especially wants apps from rural areas.

DATA- Stella visualization tool- displays data from LSA (Longitudinal Systems Analysis- new AHAR)

## UNSHELTERED HOMELESS

Getting worse

California Policy Lab report shows half have tri-morbidity (health care issues, Mental illness & addiction issues)

More partners needed- mainstream housing, health care (sick are becoming homeless)

Shelters- can do better? Lower the barriers

## NOFAs coming up-

1. Mainstream Vouchers
2. Jan?- YHDP

Consider establishing local preference for vets not qualifying for VASH.

## Miami –

has 1% food & beverage tax that helps develop housing