

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (2:00pm)
Case Management Inc.

CoC Planning Committee Meeting

Memphis & Shelby County Homeless Consortium



Attendees: Wilma Hughes (YWCA), Valentina Henao (CasaLuz), Michael Miles (Agape), JeCarta Suggs (BHI), Cornelius Sanders (Promise), Caprice Snyder (MIFA), Porsha Goodman (Door of Hope), Jacquelyn Taylor-Mays (VAMC), Shearry Bobo (SHIELD, Inc.), Mia Cotton (FFL), Shamberly Kindred (Promise), Shecara Thomas (MALS), Yolonda Fuller (Promise), Yuronda Powell (Promise), Mary Hamlett (MIFA), Penny Patterson (CCWTN), Lawrence Wilson (BHI), Jonquil Johnson (CMI), Emily Canon (AHS), Grant Ebbesmeyer (CAFTH), Kelly Forstbauer (CAFTH), Cheré Bradshaw (CAFTH)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm by Cheré Bradshaw. The meeting began with introductions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last planning committee meeting in February were reviewed. With a motion from Cornelius Sanders and a second by Jackie Taylor-Mays, the minutes were approved with no corrections.

Training/Community Presentation

Valentina Henao with CasaLuz gave a presentation on the organization, focusing on the services they provide to members of the Spanish-speaking community in Memphis who are victims of domestic violence or other violent crimes.

Local Events/Updates

Grant Ebbesmeyer announced that True Colors Day would be held on Wednesday, April 24 and include training on working with the LGBTQ community, youth homelessness, and HUD's Equal Access Final Rule. He also talked about the upcoming Lunch & Learn Training Series currently being planned to provide recorded or live webinar training sessions to member agencies' staff at CAFTH's office. The final schedule will be announced shortly.

Cheré and Kelly presented an overview on the upcoming monitoring process and Rank & Review scorecard that is proposed for this year. They announced information on the upcoming Ad Hoc Committee webinar and conference call that would be held on Thursday, April 18 to discuss more details on the scorecard, gather feedback, and take a final vote to approve its use.

Federal News

Grant shared information about the open VA GPD Case Management NOFA due May 20, 2019. Kelly presented on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). As the Collaborative Applicant,

CAFTH will apply for the grant on behalf of the CoC. If selected as a community, funding will be received to first develop a community plan, and then project applications will be accepted for the new funding.

Announcements and Discussion

There was a discussion on changing the time of CoC Planning Committee meetings to the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. The group in attendance was in general consensus on that time, especially in favor of moving away from an afternoon time. However, an official vote was not taken and the topic was tabled pending confirmation of a meeting space for the new proposed timeslot.

Grant announced that CAFTH is in the process of moving to a new email communications platform, Mailchimp, to help improve communications with committee members. Caprice Snyder asked if there could be an official announcement when the transition has occurred to make sure that notifications are still being received.

The floor was opened for announcements from those in attendance. Jackie Taylor-Mays announced that Operation Stand Down Midsouth is hosting their annual Veterans Stand Down on May 18, 2019 at Tiger Lane. She also announced that the VA is hosting monthly job fairs to help veterans who are homeless or have been homeless in securing employment.

Penny Patterson announced that the Single Adults Committee meeting would not be held on April 24 due to the True Colors Day training that morning, but would meet again at their next scheduled time on May 22, 2019.

Dana Brooks announced that Catholic Charities has a job opening for a case manager in SSVF. Jackie Taylor-Mays announced the VA also has openings for two case managers, and Shecara Thomas announced MALS has an opening for one SSVF case manager.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm with no further discussion.