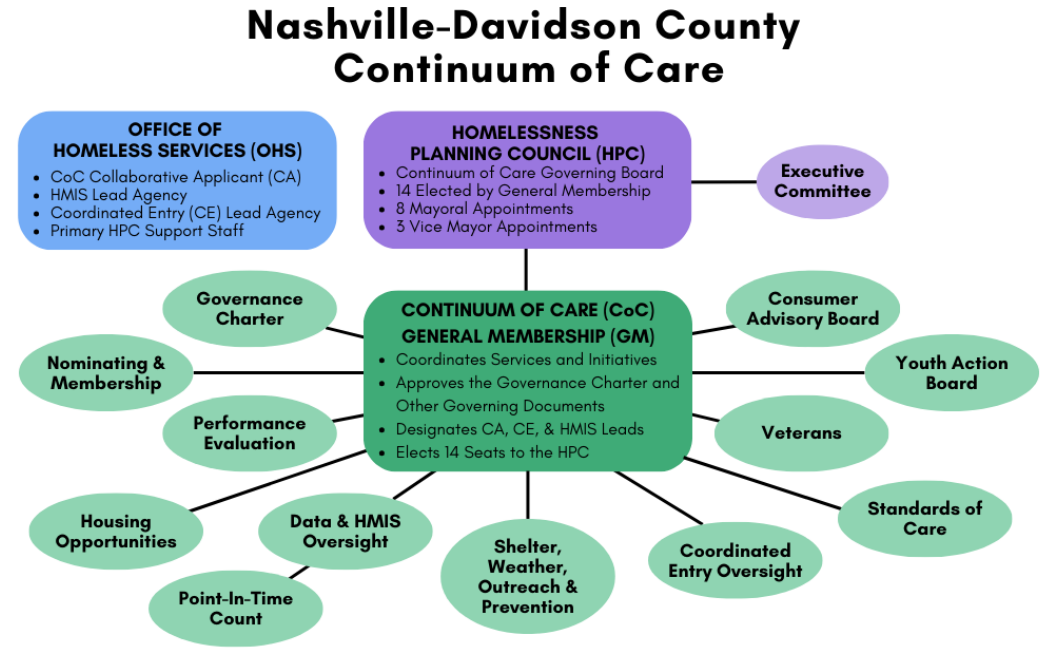
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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE


GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	
FACILITATORS	Ingrid McIntyre (UMC) and Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	TBD – Tentatively June 26th at 10:30AM Nashville Rescue Mission (639 Lafayette St)
DESCRIPTION	The General Membership is made up of individuals and organizations who are members of the Continuum of Care. The General Membership meets on a semi-annual basis to share updates, explore opportunities for collaboration, elect representatives to serve on the HPC, and designate the Collaborative Applicant (CA), Coordinated Entry (CE), and Homeless Management Information System leads.
UPDATES	• Utilized Menti to gather input for the Initiatives Efficiency and Nominating & Membership committees. Questions focused on how to improve meetings, support needs, communication, etc. • Members provided input on the process for downsizing and priority expertise for this HPC nomination season. The Nominating & Membership announced that the Nomination Form would be open through May 6th. • The current event portion of the meeting focused on concerns regarding the Old Tent City encampment.

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NOMINATING & MEMBERSHIP	
CHAIRS	Liz Mallard (HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, June 10th at 12:30PM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 12th Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Recruits and selects qualified candidates for the Homelessness Planning Council and presents the nominees to the CoC General Membership as requested. Collects and manages membership applications for the CoC General Membership and ensures membership policies and practices are followed. The committee also leads efforts to recruit, retain, and motivate diverse membership participation in the CoC, as well as track attendance.
UPDATES	• Revisited downsizing the Homelessness Planning Council with the General Membership. Hosted two public workshops to gather feedback. Committee is preparing for an election as there will be at least one vacancy for the elected seats regardless of whether or not the council is downsized. • Released the Nomination Form to be open through May 6th. OHS will then follow up with all nominees to confirm whether they accept their nomination and request that they complete a Candidate Profile Form. The committee will review responses in May and prepare a slate for June.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc.)
NEXT MEETING	TBD (needing to reschedule due to Memorial Day)
DESCRIPTION	Reviews the Governance Charter and makes any recommendations for change or revision at least annually. Develops, recommends and revises as needed any bylaws and/or policies and procedures deemed necessary for the ongoing operation of the Planning Council and CoC General Membership.
UPDATES	• The committee is working to go through the Charter to outline concerns or inconsistencies. The committee hopes to focus on clarifying roles and responsibilities between all parties involved in the Continuum of Care (e.g. Homelessness Planning Council vs General Membership vs OHS). • The committee discussed barriers that exist within the Charter in regards to compensation. • The chair is looking for a lawyer that can join the committee to help understand applicable laws, build bylaws, and strengthen the Charter.

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Jamie Villegas (HPC) and David Langgle-Martin (Park Center, HPC)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, May 15th at 2:30PM Park Center East (948 Woodland St)
DESCRIPTION	Collaborates with local agencies, housing providers, and community stakeholders to identify, develop, and expand affordable housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	• The committee hopes to review data at their upcoming meeting for key research questions such as who is getting housed, who is returning to homelessness, and which programs are most effective. • The committee hopes to then focus on understanding how many people need each type of housing resource/program and what it would take to make that possible.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC)	
CHAIR	Kerry Dietz
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, May 21st at 4PM Lentz Public Health Center (2500 Charlotte Ave)
DESCRIPTION	Annually prepares scoring matrices for HUD CoC programs, provides trainings for potential grant applicants, scores grant applications, and presents preliminary ranking of grant proposals to the Planning Council for approval.
UPDATES	• The PEC is assessing changes at the federal level and their potential impacts on Continuum of Care funding. At this time, all local CoC programs have received award letters, but only one has received grant agreements. • The PEC is looking into strategies to increase and sustain funding to support homelessness programming, including efforts to braid funding and pursue opportunities beyond the CoC competition. OHS is working with the PEC on a CoC Impact Report for community education on the importance of CoC funding. • The PEC plans to continue to address performance concerns and revisit the Reallocation Policy.

COORDINATED ENTRY (CE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Grant Winter (Safe Haven) & DeShaun Reed (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	TBD (conflicts with State of Homelessness Symposium)
DESCRIPTION	Responsible for updating the CE policies and procedures manual, determining community priorities for the CE process, ensuring adherence to national CE best practices, participating in creative solutions to evolving CE needs, and evaluating and supporting the CE lead.
UPDATES	• The committee approved to release the draft CE Policies and Procedures Manual for public comment. Brainstormed strategies for piloting the reworked CE assessment.

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DATA & HMIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Shanley Deignan (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Monday, May 19th at 11AM Edgehill Library Branch (1409 12th Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Promotes and ensures the collection of quality, comprehensive and relevant data about: 1) people experiencing homelessness in Nashville/Davidson County; and 2) the efforts of the local Continuum of Care (CoC) to address and end homelessness here. Recommends policy guidance for the CoC Planning Council on issues related to the implementation and use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
UPDATES	• Reviewed the 2024 System Performance Measures (SPM) Report. • Discussed strategies for increasing community awareness of key reports, such as the SPMs. • Assessing priorities for Strategic Plan responsibilities and identifying key reports that the committee can work on.

LIVED EXPERIENCE COHORT/CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kennetha Patterson (Innovative JOBS Solutions, HPC) Policy & Advocacy Chair, April Burns-Norris (Community Bridges Inc)
NEXT MEETING	Lived Experience Leaders – May 22nd, 10:30AM, MOB Davidson Room Lived Experience Cohort – June 12th, 1PM, MOB Davidson Room
DESCRIPTION	A diverse group of individuals with lived experience of homelessness working to provide input on specific CoC matters while addressing barriers and establishing an information network for homeless needs and resources.
UPDATES	• The cohort is working to explore potential shifts in their structure and relationship with the Continuum of Care, in part to address limitations around compensation. • The cohort revisited the CAB sustainability plan and narrowed down 4 specific goals to begin working on.

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)	
CHAIR	Chair, Kobe McCoin, I Am Next Vice Chair, Sirena Moon, Thistle Farms
NEXT MEETING	TBD (needing to establish new meeting cadence)
DESCRIPTION	A committee for youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness to homeless youth gain and maintain stability by advocating for the community through lived experience.
UPDATES	• Connecting with the state-wide YAB and receiving support through the state's Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant.

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STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Kenna Hasler (Park Center)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, June 3rd at 1PM Office of Homeless Services (3055 Lebanon Pike)
DESCRIPTION	Ensures policies and procedures are developed for projects funded by HUD CoC and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and aligned with HUD requirements, including Coordinated Entry.
UPDATES	• Actively drafting language regarding transitions and discharges from services. The committee has outlined a section on core competencies for service providers.

INITIATIVES EFFICIENCY AD HOC TASK FORCE	
FACILITATOR	Alyssa Fernandez, Oasis Center
NEXT MEETING	Monday, June 2 at 2:30PM Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203)
DESCRIPTION	The Initiatives Efficiency Committee was proposed as an Ad Hoc Task Force to help map Continuum of Care processes and develop strategies to improve how we work together collectively to end homelessness. The Task Force will work to tackle barriers, gaps, and roadblocks in the Strategic Plan along with working to build capacity across the Continuum of Care to address emerging needs and concerns.
UPDATES	• Established as an Ad Hoc Task Force by the HPC Chair in April. • Created a survey and Menti activity to gather feedback from the CoC on key community needs for improving efficiency, such as improvements to meetings, communication, collaboration, grievance processes, training, etc. • The committee is working with OHS to pilot a CoC Newsletter. • The committee reviewed the updated Strategic Plan Tracker at their May meeting and will be determining priority areas to support other committees in getting their tasks on track. • Next month, they will review grievance procedures from peer CoCs to begin to outline proposed processes for various situations that may need to be grieved.

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SHELTER, WEATHER, OUTREACH & PREVENTION (SWOP) COMMITTEE	
CHAIR	Ryan Lampa (People Loving Nashville)
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, June 12th at 9AM Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Campus (1716 Rosa Parks Blvd)
DESCRIPTION	Coordinates among outreach, shelter, and government providers to ensure people living outdoors have the information they need to access shelter and services during heat, cold, floods, and other extreme conditions.
UPDATES	• Created a new process for tracking progress on committee goals and ensuring connection to the CoC Strategic Plan. The committee is working to clarify plans, prioritization, and leads for their goals. • The committee continues to monitor metrics in relationship to the Outdoor Homelessness Strategy and the housing surge at Anthes Drive. • Working to address hospital discharge concerns and ongoing needs for alternative interventions for those with severe medical and mental health concerns. Room in the Inn, Villages at Glencliff, and the Office of Homeless Services met to work on recuperative care strategies. The committee will engage with the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

VETERANS WORKGROUP	
FACILITATOR	Libby Sides, Matthew 25 & Donald May, Operation Stand Down TN
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 2:30 – 4pm Operation Stand Down TN (1125 12th Ave S)
DESCRIPTION	Works to create a sustainable systems approach that is capable of meeting and maintaining the federal criteria and benchmarks to effectively end veteran homelessness in Nashville.
UPDATES	• Piloting a new strategy for improving the Grants and Per Diem (GPD) referral process and better connecting veterans identified in HMIS to VA services. • Committee members from the VA, GPD, and SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) programs shared data from the last quarter. The committee discussed high utilization of VASH vouchers. • Cancelled their May meeting due to a conflicting GPD meeting.