Memphis / Shelby County Homeless Consortium

COC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023
10:00 am, ZOOM

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mia Cotton (FFL), Daren Bell(Alliance),Jeffery Craig(VA), Lawerence Wilson (RHF), Katrill Braden (CMI), Jane Hooks(Alliance),Valarie Bobo (SHIELD),LaWanda Haley(CAFTH),Adrian Hall, Marian Bacon, Elizabeth Johnson (CMI), Josh Hall (OUTMemphis),Mary Hamlett(MIFA), Julie Meiman(CAFTH),Stephanie Reyes (CAFTH), JeCarta Suggs(BHI), Andorian Thomas(CMI Healthcare),Phillip Trenthem(CAFTH),Curtis West (FFL),Andrea Wilkins(CAFTH),Errin Woods(CAFTH),Brad Yackey(A Betor Way) Toni Johnson, Sr (CCWTN), Melinda Jones(CMI), Rod Lomax(MIFA), Valarie Mitchner(FFL), Sandra Mooney (NHCHC), Christina Mottley(AVOS), Merronique Murray(AVOS), Caprice Synder(MIFA), Lakisha Stewart(BMH), Janice Taylor (CCHS), Andorian Thomas(CMI), Vandi Walker(AVOS), Light Walleman(ABW), Jewel Weatherspoon(AVOS), Dr. Natasha Williams(Agape), Brad Yackey (ABW), Gwen Turner(YWCA), Shirley McClain (YWCA)

FACILITATOR: Errin Woods(CAFTH) **MINUTES:** Allie Chambers (FFA)

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Errin Woods at 10:00am. The January meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Mary Hamlett(MIFA) and a second from JeCarta Suggs (BHI).

Partner and Community Spotlight

Partner Spotlight: Jessica Houari *(Hospitality Hub)* Working to end homelessness in Memphis by connecting individuals with the resources they need to achieve stable housing and better health outcomes. Services offered daily include the Daycenter, Work Local Employment Program, Hub Hall and Hub Hotel. These services and programs are open to those seeking help and agencies needing assistance for their clients.

Partner Update: Toni Williams (CCWTN)

Provides help to those in need and brings them hope by supporting them on the path from poverty to self-sufficiency. Serves people regardless of religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ethnic background. Our homeless programs are as follows:Homeless Services Program, Outreach, Genesis Homeless Services, St. Sebastian Veteran Services, Youth Services, Emergency Services, Community Support Services, Housing Services, Job Placement.

New Business and Consortium Updates

During the February meeting the Planning Committee discussed developing a new plan for 2023. The Memphis Public Library and Linc-211 services have expanded to include licensed social workers to serve the community better. There are two full-time social workers and outreach specialists will be based at five Memphis Public Library Branches around the city. Social Workers and outreach specialists will be at Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Whitehaven, East Shelby, Hollywood, and Raleigh from 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday. The service

is free to anyone who needs assistance.The group expressed a need for more resources for senior citizens.
Darkness II light Homeless Shelter, Neighborhood Christian Center ,Trinity Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Aging in place, Aging Commission ,MIFA: Meals on Wheels, Through the Aging Commission and Ombudsman services, Mifa Senior Services, Memphis Health Center:provides medical services for those experiencing homelessness

b. Consortium Updates

Affordable Housing Committee: Ask Wesley Senior Housing to present at a Planning Committee meeting and Reconnection to landlords
Youth Action board: Completed recruitment cycle, hired a staff member for the host program, and youth housing navigation program is working well.
Family Committee: Completed the basic groundwork to determine needs and discussed what the committee will focus on
Health Care Committee:Working to streamline coordination of care within health care services and referral agencies that work with those experiencing homelessness

Announcements and Updates

Friends for Life has rebranded to Friends for All
www.friendsforall.org
Information session on applying for CoC funding
ABC's of applying for federal funding
Tips on grant writing
Good for agencies work in housing
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocO6hqDIsGtfjl4UITckbojHayj2XVz63#/registration
YWCA's A Chat with Tabitha Brown –
September 15, 2023, at 630pm-Registration opens May 1st
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-chat-with-tabitha-brown-tickets-625277089607?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse
Location: Brown Missionary Baptist Church (South Campus)
7200 Swinnea Road Southaven, MS 38671

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.