

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF
THE CHATTANOOGA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

May 8, 2018

12:00 P.M.

The Chattanooga Interagency Council on Homelessness (hereinafter referred to as “the CICH”) met at the office of the Chattanooga Housing Authority, 801 N. Holtzclaw, in the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee at 12:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018.

Mr. Sam Wolfe, Homeless Program Coordinator with the City of the Chattanooga, introduced the co-chairs, Ms. Donna Maddox and Mrs. Betsy McCright. Ms. Maddox welcomed all attendees and explained that the meeting from 12:00 to 1:00 was a business meeting. She advised that presentations from various service providers will occur from 1:00 to 4:00. Mrs. McCright gave a brief introduction and explained that the CICH is a member-driven body that is charged with the task of developing a community-wide plan that identifies solutions for improving homelessness in Chattanooga.

Approximately 35 council members were in attendance. After introductions, Mr. Wolfe facilitated a brief group activity. Each group collaborated and identified expectations for future CICH meetings. The goal was to establish group norms for effective and productive meetings.

Mrs. McCright shared a draft copy of the by-laws and invited all members to provide feedback. Mrs. McCright explained that Mayor Berke had dedicated staffing to support this initiative and identified funds to secure a consultant to help the CICH develop a plan for the City of Chattanooga. However the future of the CICH will not necessarily need to be organized by the City of Chattanooga. The goal is to help the CICH become a self-sustaining organization that is reflective of the entire city. Committees will be formed. The planning committee will evaluate and select the consultant. Members are invited to join.

There were questions about the operating guidelines and the mission of the CICH. It was agreed upon that this needs to be determined by the members. There was some discussion about whether or not the meetings should be open or closed to the public. At this time, minutes of the meeting will be made available to the public however, the meetings will be closed.

Initially, there was a motion to accept the operating guidelines as presented, however the motion was withdrawn. After discussion, Betsy McCright proposed to modify the operating guidelines by incorporating the issues raised in the meeting and to send the modified document to all members for review and ultimate vote by way of email.

The next meeting will be on September 11, 2018 at a location to be determined. Lunch will begin at 11:30. The meeting will begin at 12:00. The need for additional meetings will be announced as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20.