



**Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC)**  
Slidell Towers Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers  
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA 70458

**November 14, 2018**  
**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**NHC Providers and Stakeholders Association Meeting**

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome/Introductions – Be sure to sign-in!**
  
- II. NHC Business**
  - A. HMIS Report
  - B. CAAS Report
  - C. Executive Director's Report
  
- III. Ending Veteran Homelessness**
  - A. Veteran Service Provider Presentations
  - B. Community Discussion
  
- IV. Freeze Plan**
  
- V. Point in Time 2019**
  
- VI. Housing Opportunities and Agency Announcements – Membership**
  
- VII. Adjourn**

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**Northlake Homeless Coalition Providers and Stakeholders Association**  
**September 12, 2018**

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Ivan Ferrouillet	VOA SSVF	504-676-0748	iferrouillet@voa.gov I want my email address to be added to the NHC mailing listserv.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Tammany <input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Livingston <input type="checkbox"/> Tangipahoa <input type="checkbox"/> St. Helena <input type="checkbox"/> All five - DOUABRIANUS
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Providers and Stakeholders Association Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2018

Northshare Building  
Coatney Conference Room  
807 N Columbia Street  
Covington, LA

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**Meeting Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency / Affiliation</b>
Matheny, Erin	Northlake HMIS
Doctor, Jesse	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Mills, Amanda	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Schmidt, James	Northlake Homeless Coalition Board
Zarinski, Kat	NAMI St. Tammany
Lovern, Jeanne	Volunteers of America SELA
Eastridge, Sheri	Safe Harbor
McLaughlin, Roy	St. Tammany Parish
Jones, Demetrius	Northlake HMIS
Populus, Tammy	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Jordan, Thomas	OPH Region 9
Lyons, John	OPH Region 9
Minnimah, Nnenna	SAFE Tangipahoa
Parmley, Summer	SAFE Tangipahoa
Rich, Jason	LHCC
Ferrouillette, Ivan	Volunteers of America SSVF

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Amanda Mills of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. Each attendee introduced themselves and their represented organization.

## **II. Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC) Business**

### **A. Continuum of Care Application Overview**

Ms. Mills presented an overview of the Continuum of Care Application. The presentation encompassed statistics on the decline of overall homelessness in Region 9 as well as the changing demographics of the homeless population in the region. She opened the room for questions.

Nnenna Minnimah inquired as to why a New Orleans-based agency was included in the data. Ms. Mills clarified that the New Orleans Mission has two facilities on the Northshore (Giving Hope Retreat in St. Tammany and Lynhaven in Tangipahoa) which contribute to the data.

Erin Matheny of Northlake HMIS stated that the full CoC Application, as well as the latest Point-In-Time Report, are available on the NHC website.

### **B. Anti-Discrimination Policy & Equal Access Training**

Ms. Mills presented the NHC's Anti-Discrimination Policy, the purpose of which is to ensure that individuals receive fair treatment and equal access when accessing homeless service providers and not receiving discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

This CoC policy will apply to all current and future recipients and subrecipients of CoC and ESG program funds in region LA-506 and will ensure that providers within the Northlake Homeless Coalition comply with existing HUD policies on Equal Access regarding gender identity and sexual orientation. The policy will be the continued responsibility of the NHC Board's Governance Committee, to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The NHC Providers & Stakeholders can review and submit feedback on the policy prior to a vote by NHC Board.

Sheri Eastridge inquired about the policy regarding shelters that serve families with children, as her understanding from state training on the policy was slightly different

than what has been presented. Ms. Mills stated that the policy is aimed at the adult component and that shelters that serve families with children do in fact have a variant of the policy.

Ms. Mills then offered a volunteer to enact a scenario in which a transgender resident of a shelter takes issue with a shelter policy on bathroom use. Ms. Eastridge offered to volunteer to read the scenario. The exercise was intended to illustrate how to handle the issue while respecting the individual's confidentiality.

Ms. Minnimah asked if this policy is the only anti-discrimination policy for the CoC. Ms. Mills stated that, while the CoC adheres to existing HUD anti-discrimination and equal access policies, the NHC Governance Committee is seeking to solidify the language for such policies to be specific to the CoC.

### **C. Racial Disparities Report**

Ms. Matheny presented a data report on racial disparities regarding the homeless population, both nationally and within the region. The report showed that there exists a disparity between homeless population percentage and overall population percentage, wherein the Black and African-American population, which comprises about 13% of the overall population, comprises about 40% of the homeless population. Such a significant disparity does not exist for any other racial or ethnic group in the available data.

Ms. Matheny stated that the CoC is examining strategies to address racial disparities in persons accessing Permanent Housing and involvement of underrepresented groups. There will also be an expansion of data review to include enrollments in emergency shelters and transitional housing. A full summary report will be released soon.

### **III. Housing Opportunities and Agency Announcements**

Ms. Mills inquired as to any housing opportunities or agency announcements from the represented organizations.

Ivan Ferrouillette stated that VOA SSVF has rental assistance funds available for eligible veterans and that he can be contacted for more information.

Thomas Jordan and John Lyons stated that OPH will be holding a vaccination drive for the homeless in October and asked for information on good locations. Ms. Mills stated that Mount Olive (St. Tammany) and Our Daily Bread (Tangipahoa) have daily feedings and could be contacted by OPH. NHC Outreach Navigator Tammy Populus also stated that she could provide additional information after the meeting.

Ms. Matheny that HMIS new user training is prescheduled for the first Thursday of every odd month, with registration being the Friday before the training. There will be an end user meeting on September 27, 2018 via web conference.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM by Ms. Mills.