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People Helping People Help Themselves



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Buffalo Valley, Inc. has officially resigned as the Lead Agency and Grantee for TN-503 Central Tennessee. This resignation comes on the heels of the opioid epidemic in Tennessee. Buffalo Valley believes that we need to focus more on addiction treatment services at this time. Also factored into this decision is the continual increase in rigorous mandates from HUD for serving the homeless.

Community Housing Partnership of Williamson County has officially been named the Lead Agency for TN-503 Central Tennessee. Your contact information for CHP is:

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Franklin Housing Authority (transitional housing), Franklin Development (permanent supportive housing), Family Center (permanent supportive services), CHP (HMIS) agencies have officially taken over all of the grants that were previously operated by Buffalo Valley.

Since Buffalo Valley, Inc. no longer provides homeless services to the area please include the above individuals as the contact for homeless services. Rae will be able to give you the contact information for each specific grant.

Below is an excerpt from the official letter from Mary Wilson at HUD:

*Due to the opioid epidemic, Buffalo Valley, Inc. believes that it needs to focus on Alcohol and Drug treatment; and due to HUD's mandates becoming more rigorous, the mandates are taking too much time away from treating the clients. Therefore, Buffalo Valley, Inc. no longer wishes to serve as the lead agency/Collaborative Applicant for the Central Tennessee CoC. The Continuum Board met on March 28, 2019 and voted to approve **CHP** as the new Collaborative Applicant.*

This Office appreciates the excellent job that Buffalo Valley, Inc. has done for many years as the Collaborative Applicant for the Central Tennessee CoC and looks forward to working with CHP as the new Collaborative Applicant. Among the proposed changes to the Central Tennessee CoC, Buffalo Valley, Inc. also requested that CHP take over its HMIS and Planning grants. These changes will be made as soon as possible.

If you have anyone needing addiction services, we hope you will reach out to us for those services. We will also be reaching out to each of you when we have a homeless client that needs your services.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Lead Agency for TN-503 Central Tennessee for the past 25 years. Thanks for all the work all of you do to serve the homeless in Tennessee.

Jerry Risner, CEO
Debbie Hillin, President



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