

December Journal Entry:

This week, I was able to meet with my local city council representative, Carol Berz. While this meeting didn't exactly go as well as I anticipated, I was able to share my perspective with her as a social worker on the EPP and the many obstacles my clients and I face when trying to secure stable housing for them and their families. I made it clear that i understood their capacities at this level were limited and, admittedly, that i was new to navigating the political arena of Chattanooga, but that it was hope we could merge our efforts and collaborate to explore potential solutions. She made it quite clear that she only wanted to hear potential solutions, and advised that I pay close attention to the fiscal aspects. This is why I'm continuing to explore options and approaches, and centering my focus on the themes outlined within our research as it progresses.