

Atlanta Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting
December 12, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

- Partners were welcomed and thanked for coming and then introduced themselves.

Updates

- The Evolution Center, a new low-barrier shelter operated by the Gateway Center, has opened.
 - Initially it has a capacity for 50 men but will expand to serve women and families.
 - Contact the Gateway Center for referrals
- Cathryn Marchman, Partners for HOME (PFH), announced that the shelter at Peachtree and Pine has closed.
 - Not everyone who was there is in permanent housing, but that result is the goal and it is in progress.
 - This endeavor would not have been possible without the partnership of many, many partners.
 - This shelter was a low-barrier shelter so there is that gap so there is work to be done to help fill it.
 - Marcus Lattimore, Task Force for the Homeless, thanked all the agencies and partners who helped move people forward from the shelter. He stated that the agency is still operating and that they look forward to collaborating with the CoC.
- River's Edge has been contracted to provide mental health services in for Fulton County.
 - They will begin operation in January in the county building on Boulevard (and Highland), in a smaller facility in Sandy Springs, and soon at the South Fulton Annex.
 - They will follow-up with additional info as it is available.
- Due to the cold weather, the City has activated an overflow shelter at Old Adamsville for December 12.
 - Gateway can assist with transportation, if needed.

Committee Updates

- Youth (Brittany Garner, Partners for HOME)
 - The CoC is looking into a host home model for youth.
 - The HUD CoC collaborative youth rapid rehousing (RRH) project that was awarded in the 2016 NOFA will be up running soon.
 - There will be a youth council meeting on January 9, at 5pm.
- Coordinated Entry (CE) (Shawn Williams, Caring Works, and Ashlee Starr, Partners for HOME)
 - Unlike other CoCs, the Atlanta CoC has a CE system in place that is working, although it does need improvements.
 - The committee welcomes more involvement to help make the system more effective.
 - Homeflex vouchers, the Atlanta Housing Authority's PBRA, are rolling into CE.
 - This will include over 600 units, but through the attrition.
 - PFH was awarded a grant in the 2016 NOFA for the expansion of CE.

- HMIS (Desta Taylor, Partners for HOME)
 - Thanks to everyone for assisting with the AHAR reports.
 - Preparations are underway for the collection of information for the 2018 Housing Inventory Chart and Point in Time reports that the CoC will need to submit to HUD.
 - Please keep an eye out for more information on how to assist for this.
 - As DCA announced, there were new data standards implemented which include a project enrollment and a move-in date fields for permanent supportive housing.
 - The Atlanta CE build out in HMIS is in process and is expected to be ready in the beginning of March.
 - Most exciting announcement is that Rhonda Taylor, the second data manager for PFH, has started!
 - There was a short discussion regarding the continued inability to run specific reports, which is what the agencies were “sold” on.
 - This is a continued frustration and it will be continued to be brought up with the GA HMIS Steering Committee, which the Atlanta CoC is a part of.
- Rapid Rehousing(RRH) (Brittany Garner, Partners for HOME)
 - There is currently a Request for Proposals open for a RRH projected, funded by TANF and Homestretch.¹
 - There is a webinar on December 13, 2017, for anyone interested.
- Performance (Melanie Harrell, Partners for HOME)
 - Standards of Care and Performance Measurements will developed and then implemented. In addition, PFH will work with agencies to help them improve their performance.
 - Performance information will be published, at first collectively, then anonymously, and eventually with agencies identified.
 - There will be committee meeting for this, so please keep an eye out for more information.

Point in Time (PIT) Event

- Monday, January 22, will be the PIT night for the Atlanta CoC.
 - This event, and the shifts the week following, is not possible without a lot of agency support. Please volunteer to help and spread the word.
 - In addition to helping because it is the right thing to do, participation in the PIT is often a scoring factor for the CoC, City ESG/CDBG, and DCA (State) ESG.

Homestretch¹ Update

- Cathryn provided an update on this public/private investment, which will have an investment strategy that is in line with the goals of *ClearPath*, the recently adopted strategic plan.

Shelter to Shutters Presentation

- This is an organization which works with local nonprofits to find individuals who will live at partner properties and work in entry level positions.
 - These opportunities offer full-time salary and benefits and reduced rent.
- Information was passed out at the meeting.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 3pm
818 Pollard Blvd, 3rd Floor**

¹ Now “HomeStart Atlanta”