

## Atlanta Continuum of Care

### Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

818 Pollard Blvd, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30315

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Cathryn Marchman welcomed everyone to the September CoC meeting and she allowed everyone to introduce themselves by giving their name and agency.

#### **Agency Update/Round Robin**

St. Philip's will hold their annual commemorative dinner remembering all the individuals who passed away in homelessness in the past year. This will be their 29<sup>th</sup> year and they plan to serve dinner to 600-700 people. She invites all agencies to participate as well as clients.

Emily Brown with Georgia Equality shared information on a training opportunity on Friday September 22, 2017 at 1:30 for Emergency Shelters and other homeless service organizations on HIV testing and linking services on site. They are looking for ways to connect people who are newly applying for services.

#### **Governance**

Cathryn Marchman announced the vote for new Governing Board Member Jimiyu Evans. The selection was recommended by the Governing Council and sent to the CoC for the vote. This motion was passed.

#### **Policy**

Amy Zaremba presented three policies for voting. The updated Governance Charter which requires the CoC to add extra seats to the board. One to represent Atlanta Public Schools and One to represent a human service agency. The Charter new charter also replaced a representative from a regional planning body to a business and/or foundation community. Motion Passed (Document provided upon request)

The Nondiscrimination Policy CoC wide which requires the agencies not to discriminate against people based on their discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Motion Passed (Document provided upon Request)

The CoC Written Standards 3.4 was updated replacing Notice CPD 14-012 with Notice CPD-16-11. Motion passed. (Document provided upon request)

The VAWA Emergency Transfer Policy was presented, which states that CoC-funded programs providing permanent housing must allow tenants who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. Motion passed. (Documents provided upon request)

## **Committee/Workgroup Updates**

Deidra gave an update on the Host Home project for youth 18-24 years old. They are working on the vetting process that a potential Host Home would go through in order to qualify to be a Host Home. They are currently looking at other models around the country. They expected launch date for the program is 2018. They are also working to expand 211 in a greater capacity for youth and have launched and are using the youth assessment tool similar to the VI-SPADAT.

Ashlee Starr advised that a few of the agencies who are involved in coordinated entry along with herself attended a two-day community solution workshop last month. They are in the process of putting together what they learned if it can be applied to how we work our coordinated entry program.

Desta Taylor gave an update on the changes to the info release page in Client Track and advised that the 95 programs that did not migrate over initially will do so on 10/1/17. There is still no eta on the missing case notes and services. She also advised that the AHAR will open up 10/1 and it will look at data utilization and housing across our CoC in our emergency shelters, PSH, transitional housing and it looks like on different dates throughout the year to judge how we are performing.

Amy Zaremba also provided the information for the upcoming DCA-HMIS conference in Savannah, GA October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Cathryn Marchman provided an update on Rapid Re-Housing. The committee has been meeting over the last year and will meet monthly over the next year. DFCS/TANF has agreed to provide \$500,000 for PSH and RRH. The money will be matched with private dollars.

Amy Zaremba spoke briefly on NOFA. The application that we have to submit is due on September 28, 2017. We are on track to submit before the 28<sup>th</sup>. This will look favorably for us as it relates to our Tier two dollars (programs)

Cathryn Marchman gave the update on Peachtree and Pine. The transition at PP is going well. There is a lot of support from the agencies (food, supplies, staffing). The women have all been placed. Families will be done today and the men are almost done being assessed and placed. The PATH Teams are onsite every day. CABHI will also be there for mental health assessments. The men will stay at the shelter until housing is found for them. PP is slated to close early November. New families and women should go to Gateway M-F from 9am-4pm for assessment and men should go to Mission Intake, M-F 5am- 8am.

Cathryn also provided an update on the LBS and HomeStretch. The new shelter location and RFP are still under review. The bond for HomeStretch was adopted and Jack Hardin is identifying the remaining match dollars. No other information is available at this time.

Other announcements: Gateway will have access to Central Night shelter for assessments beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Zaban will accept same sex couples, however will not accept children at the shelter.

Justine from Trans Housing Atlanta shared information on their work in Outreach, fundraising, emergency shelter for trans individuals. They also provide housing referrals, safe beds, assistance with utilities and deposit assistance for housing. Please visit their website: [www.transhousingatlanta.org](http://www.transhousingatlanta.org)

Cathryn asked if the CoC would like to meet before the next scheduled meeting and it was decided a special meeting would be held before December. The date is TBD.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017 Atlanta CoC Meeting: Quarterly, 3:00pm-5:00pm, AWDA, 818 Pollard Blvd.,