

**Atlanta Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2020  
818 Pollard Blvd, Atlanta GA 30315, 2nd Floor  
10am-12pm**

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions, Cathryn Marchman
- ❖ Lead Agency Updates
  - HomeFirst (HF) Update, Cathryn Marchman
    - More information on diversion will be coming in the next few months. Diversion refers to providing individuals and families with shallow subsidies to move them out of the system quickly. Please note an RFP will be issued this year.
    - Please see slides for details on system vital signs. These include PIT Count 2018, housing placements, housing retentions, and returns to homelessness.
    - Ms. Marchman also provided an update on the HF investment strategy. Please see slide deck for high level summary of ending chronic, veteran, youth, and family homelessness as well as leverage, alignment, and strategically allocating resources.
  - Crisis Response Team and Unsheltered, Cathryn Marchman
    - This team was created in response to the recognition that there is a need to respond in real time to quality of life related complaints coming from business and community members.
    - This team will pair an outreach worker with an APD Hope officer. The team is expected to begin in March and outreach workers will be staffed by Intown Collaborative Ministries.
    - A dedicated hotline will be identified for stakeholders to call.
    - A question was asked about who will be funding this initiative.
      - Ms. Marchman responded that HF is funding the outreach and APD is providing the law enforcement by reallocating HOPE officers to this team.
    - A question was asked to clarify if this team is working as diversion, similar to the pre-arrest program.
      - Ms. Marchman replied that this team is focused in downtown, will be light touch, and mostly act as a linkage to an ongoing navigators/services. These calls will not be going through 911 like pre-arrest.
  - PIT Update, Cathryn Marchman
    - Please note that all funded agencies are required to participate in the PIT Count. The night count will be on January 27<sup>th</sup>, with day shifts throughout the week following. An app will be used instead of paper surveys.
  - HMIS, Abbey Burgess
    - In the upcoming months there will be a dedicated HMIS ICA team member who will be staffing phone support and be the main point of contact during business hours.
    - ClientTrack 101 trainings will continue via webinar and data quality trainings will be offered this year as well.

- Please note that performance measures are due at the end of February. Sign up for time slots with Abbey in 1-hour sessions for each project.
- Please note that there were a few new additions to 2020 data standards. Please reach out to Abbey for any questions ([Atlantahmis@icalliances.org](mailto:Atlantahmis@icalliances.org)).

#### ❖ Presentations

- PadSplit, Erin Willbanks
  - PadSplit is a for-profit business that seeks to capture unused or underutilized space for affordable housing.
  - Average cost of rent, paid weekly, is \$145/bedroom. This depends on the rooms size. The rooms are furnished, and some have private bathrooms. Income requirement is two times the weekly rate. There is a soft credit check and a background check. Utilities are included in the rates for the rooms.
  - Tenants can leave at any time or stay for as long as they would like. Any evictions are normally payment issues.
  - Contact Erin Willbanks ([erin@padsplit.com](mailto:erin@padsplit.com)) for more information and how to get involved.
- Homeless Court, Chief Judge Chris Portis and Soyoung Yun
  - Goal of this initiative is to create a system within the court system that breaks the cycle of homelessness. This court will identify individuals who come into the system with a subset of offenses that are most often associated with homelessness.
  - Through this program, if the individuals follow the program, they will not need to reengage with the traditional court process.
  - This program will have access to HMIS to connect them to CE.
  - They are currently looking for partnerships in the CoC for resources to get individuals connected. This includes shelters, supportive housing, included mental health. Please contact Soyoung Yun ([syun@AtlantaGa.Gov](mailto:syun@AtlantaGa.Gov)) for more information on partnerships.

#### ❖ Agency Updates and Announcements

- MLK Jr. Community Resources Collaborative, Stacey Massey Logan
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will be on Saturday, January 18 from 8 am-1 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.
- DCA, Brian Dinapoli
  - The next cycle of the Reentry Housing Program begins in March. DCA is currently looking for new providers. Find more information on DCA's website.
  - Contact Brian for more information ([brian.dinapoli@dca.ga.gov](mailto:brian.dinapoli@dca.ga.gov)).
- Chris180, Brill Carrington
  - SOS Event for youth on Friday, January 17 from 10 am- 2 pm at Charles L. Harper Park.
- PCCI, Jimiyu Evans
  - PCCI is currently looking for a temporary office space in the next 6 months as their building goes under construction. Contact Jimiyu Evans ([jevans@pccihome.org](mailto:jevans@pccihome.org)) with any potential spaces.