

**Atlanta Continuum of Care
Meeting Agenda
July 10, 2018
818 Pollard Blvd, Atlanta GA 30315, 3rd Floor
3:00-5:00pm**

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ Agency Update/Round Robin
 - Update given by Dennis Bowman
 - Nicholas House job openings – employment navigation to help folks achieve long term employment
 - PSH case manager who focuses on harm reduction
 - All interested persons send resume to dbowman@nicholashouse.org
 - New agency -- Emergency lodging for specifically around HIV, LGBTQ, transgender individuals, and people with substance abuse - contact 770-262-1110 or mbannerhtl@gmail.com for more information
 - Amerigroup
 - They are offering trainings for mental health first aid, substance use, asthma & diabetes. They will send out a webinar update each month, if you would like to be added to the mailing list, contact ga360trng@amerigroup.com
 - Lost-N-Found Youth
 - Hiring 5 case managers and youth leaders at LNFY over the next couple of months; looking for people with experience in harm reduction and serving transgender clients
 - Event Tide – Totes Tuesday August 7th will be for Partners for HOME. 10% of proceeds that day will go to PFH.
- ❖ CoC meeting time
 - A request was made by Ms. Marchman regarding CoC's members interest in moving the CoC meetings to the mornings. Majority requested a 10am meeting time. A majority voted to move the meeting time to 10am-12pm and no one opposed.
- ❖ HIV and Infectious Diseases. Presentation by Dr. David Holland, Fulton County Department of Public Health
 - TB Outbreak – the community response to the TB issue was successful and demonstrative of how a coordinated effort and partnership can eradicate TB. This model can be replicated for other disease.
 - Testing increased by about 20,000 people since 2014 through routine shelter screening
 - Eliminated active transmission of TB
 - HIV- data shows about 4% of people in Transitional Housing in the city have a HIV diagnosis that is untreated

- HIV Initiatives:
 - Shifted to opt out testing
 - HIV related training is available for staff and clients
 - Working on directly observed HIV meds and therapies for shelter residents
 - Hepatitis A
 - Preventable with a vaccine
 - Outbreaks in 10 states since 2017, including Tennessee
 - Unusually high number of deaths nationally
 - The County seeks to vaccinate everyone and hopes to extend vaccinations to all shelter residents
 - Working in partnership with Mercy Care, they will conduct a vaccine blitz – for influenza & Hep A
 - What can providers expect on the roll outs?
 - Rolling out HIV educators first and currently
 - Will be announcing vaccines schedule and contacting providers soon
 - Staff will be included in vaccines and flu shots
 - Contact: David.holland@fultoncountyga.gov
- ❖ Family violence best practices presented by Katha Blackwell, Vice President, Partnership Against Domestic Violence
- Ms. Blackwell presented detailed information regarding the rights of a person experiencing domestic violence. Ms. Blackwell provided a handout (see attached) and reviewed key areas of how to best serve your clients if they are in a domestic violence situation
 - Transfer plan – for clients residing in projects receiving HUD funding, landlords must comply
 - Residents cannot be terminated from program or evicted
 - Abuser can be evicted from the program and apartment
 - Clients have the right to move to another unit
 - Clients have the right to have their information stay confidential in the apartment complex and program
 - See attachment for key phone numbers and hotline information to assist a client experiencing domestic violence
- ❖ Open Doors presentation by Luis Martinez
- Mr. Martinez presented a new App – Home Locator -- Open Doors ATL, which is available in the app store for both iphone and android users
 - All properties in the app are partners with Open Doors
 - This partnership allows for a waiver of up to 2 evictions within 3 years, and anything before 3 years does not matter. Convictions are fine except arson and sexual crimes; most fees are waived
 - To create an account, you have to be a partner
 - [For further information, contact Luis Martinez at luis@opendoorsatl.org](mailto:luis@opendoorsatl.org)
 - Rent guarantee program in partnership with Liberty Rent – donating \$1005 a month through the eviction process until they can fill the unit

❖ Committee/Workgroup Updates

➤ Youth

Brittany Garner

- YHDP submitted and waiting for notification
- All of Bonus funding Youth RRH filled
- Working on host homes, expanding Youth RRH, and collaboration with DJJ & DFCS
- Next meeting: September 6 – 9am
- Contact: Brittany Garner for more information or to get involved – bgarner@partnersforhome.org

➤ Coordinated Entry

Amanda Van Dalen and Ashley Williams

- Built for Zero—team of CES representatives attended conference in Detroit and worked to solidify plans for reaching effective end to Chronic homelessness
- New Coordinated Access Points have opened and will be on website; please use these sites for client referrals to reduce volume at Gateway
- Outreach collaborative meetings – Third Thursday of every month

➤ HMIS

Desta Taylor and Rhonda Taylor

- New client track trainings are launching—please see website for the new monthly calendar
- Please contact Gahmissupport.ga.gov to get HMIS credentials
- Data quality standards are being developed
- Coordinated entry build out in Client Track:
 - Assessors have been trained, and providers will be trained soon
 - The old housing queue is no longer used so if referrals have been sent on the google doc, they are not on queue and must be submitted via Client Track

➤ Rapid Rehousing

Brittany Garner

- Changing RRH standards for housing eligibility from having to meet Category 4, DV **and** Category 1 homeless to either category meeting criteria
- Housing clients quickly for TANF RRH
- Collaborations with DCAL and Atlanta Worksource are in place to quickly connect families to childcare assistance and to employment. For ehlp with childcare referrals, please followup with Brittany Garner, bgarner@partnersforhome.org

➤ Performance

Amy Zaremba

- Working with Client Track to build reports and Performance dashboards
- Performance – a question was asked whether providers are able to give input. Ms. Zaremba indicated there have been meeings to solicit input which started with PSH and continue with providers of other interventions

- A concern was raised about APR reports. Ms. Zaremba will follow up with team to address

❖ Updates:

❖ HomeFirst

Cathryn Marchman

- PSH pipeline meeting regularly and a consultant has been hired from CSH to create a strategy for the development of 1000 new units of supportive housing. The application will be released the 1st week of August, as a 3 part application released in collaboration with AHA. The three sections include capital, operating, and services. It will be an ongoing and open application. The per unit threshold has not been decided. Funds will be a grant award that will be leverage other dollars and will layer other capital investments.
- Investment strategy, which has been reviewed at past meetings includes Family RRH increased, diversion, Host Home, Youth RRH, and infrastructure development for outreach and coordinated entry.
- Broader buckets for crisis response, outreach, CE, employment, are still being developed.

❖ HUD CoC NOFA

Amy Zaremba

- Policy committee meeting this week to approve the CoC's NOFA policy
- Tier 1 is 94% and Tier 2 is 6% of the annual renewal demand.
- The NOFA is concerned with the performance of the entire CoC, not just funded projects
- There is a Bonus opportunity of up to 6% of the Annual renewal Demand
- There is also a domestic violence bonus which is separate pool of funding for RRH, RRH-TH and CE

Atlanta CoC Meeting Schedule

Below are the regularly scheduled Atlanta CoC meetings, through January, 2019.

The meetings will be from 10am to 12pm, at
Partners for HOME, 818 Pollard Blvd, on the third floor.

September 11, 2018

November 13, 2018

January 8 (2019!)

Additional meetings may be scheduled, as needed.