

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

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions- Cathryn Marchman
- ❖ Lead Agency Updates
  - Partners for HOME New Staff Introductions
    - Jennifer Williams has been brought on as Deputy Director of Policy and Administration. Stephanie Owens is the new Senior Project Manager of Performance.
    - A survey was sent out through the March Newsletter requesting feedback for the CoC meetings. Results will be used to determine if meeting improvements/enhancements are needed.
  - New HMIS Staff Introductions
    - ICA has two new local staff dedicated to Atlanta: Alex Durkee and Sheena Lutten. Both are located at the PfH office.
    - Please submit tickets through the ICA website to request customized HMIS reports as well as any further technical assistance with HMIS.
  - Youth, Employment, and Diversion- Melissa Austin
    - A youth Rapid Rehousing RFP is planned to be released in April. The RFP will include procurement of 2 rapid rehousing providers and a technical assistance provider to support new providers. These funds are a reinvestment of the Host Homes funds.
    - A Diversion RFP will be released in late April/Early May. The work group is currently working on a budget to provide diversion for a larger number of families.
    - Employment is tied in Coordinated Entry. There is discussion as to how to expand the volume and how to make these services more accessible.
  - Coordinated Entry and System Navigation- Jasmine Cunningham
    - The work group “developing strategies to locating clients in the system more quickly” is looking for more participants. This group meets every Tuesday at 11 am at the PFH offices. Please email Jasmine Cunningham for more information.
    - All new staff at agencies working with Coordinated Entry are required to attend the new assessor trainings. All current housing assessor in the system have a mandatory assessor meeting each month. Please encourage staff who work in system navigation to participate in the weekly system navigation meetings.
  - Pipeline Updates- Chelsea Arkin
    - The NOFA is still open for the PSH pipeline. 15 applications have been received. 9 have been approved through Atlanta Housing and 6 are under review. One more application is anticipated being received. Please see slide deck for details.
  - CoC Updates- Cathryn Marchman
    - Legislation for a \$100MM Housing Bond is being pushed by the Mayor’s office. Within this bond there will be 12.5% set aside for PSH. There is

discussion about how this will roll out, whether it will be similar to the pipeline, what leverage the pipeline could add, etc.

- An ARCHI breakfast about SPARC work is being held on Wednesday, March 11. The Atlanta Study will be presented and there will be a panel to discuss the results.
- A NOFA “cluster” will be released by HUD this summer. These NOFAs will include the super NOFA, an unsheltered NOFA, a YHDP NOFA, as well as a currently unknown fourth NOFA.
- PFH will be issuing multiple RFPs in the new few weeks. These include: diversion, youth RRH, and outreach and navigation.
- 200 new vouchers will be entering the system in Q2- Q4 of this year. One hundred vouchers are with Atlanta Housing and Fulton County and the additional 100 are with DBHDD and Step up.
- PIT Feedback- Cathryn Marchman
  - Feedback given was overwhelmingly positive. Once all data is collected, PFH will report out results at the next meeting.

#### ❖ Presentations

- Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus- Dr. Mark Swancutt, Fulton County BOH (slide deck attached)
  - First cases of Coronavirus came out of China in December. Currently, there are still hotspots all over the world, with the virus affecting over 107 countries.
  - The first cases were travel associated. However, the shift has been made to local/community spread.
  - This is a lower respiratory illness and symptoms can include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. It is transmitted person to person through respiratory droplets. The virus can survive on surfaces up to a couple of days. The average incubation of the virus is 5 days.
  - Most deaths are occurring in people over 60.
  - The biggest disruption will likely be economic and financial.
  - There are no vaccines and no medications. Current non-pharmaceutical interventions include travel restrictions and social distancing.
  - Prevention methods include:
    - Avoid close contact with ppl who are sick
    - Wash your hands, w/ soap and water for 20 seconds
    - Hand sanitizer- keep rubbing it until it is dry (60% alcohol)
    - Cover your cough and sneeze w/ a tissue and then throw it away
    - Stay home when you are sick
    - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray/wipe
  - Hygiene includes:
    - Have soap available, increase access to sinks and fresh water, increase hand sanitizers, increase tissues, increase trash cans, environmental cleanup at end of day
  - Social distancing includes:
    - Sick people stay home
    - Stay 6 ft from others

- Wear a mask if sick
  - Cohort patients
  - Cancel large scale events
- Contact Tom Andrews of Mercy Care for more information about the creation of a plan for homeless services. A screening mechanism is also being developed for agencies to use going forward.
- Moving to Work Annual Plan- Dr. Howard Grant (Atlanta Housing)
  - The Move to Work plan is an annual plan that HUD requires and gives AH flexibility on how they use federal funds received.
  - Information on Atlanta Housing's current strategy can be found in attached slide deck.