

**Atlanta Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
818 Pollard Blvd, Atlanta GA 30315, 2nd Floor
10am-12pm**

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions - Amy Zaremba
- ❖ Presentations
 - Atlanta Consolidated Plan Community Planning, Mosaic, Jeremy Gray
 - Consolidated plan and analysis of impediments application for HUD for the next five years starting 2020 are underway. This application is an opportunity to look at priorities, plan toward different areas, and reflect on what has changed. This also includes an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. (Please see slide deck)
 - A timeline of the application was provided. (Please see slide deck).
 - To get involved please see the website for the public meeting schedule as well as HUD's interactive maps and national and local resources.
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 - HOPWA Central Intake Update, HOPE Atlanta, Jeff Smythe & Partners for HOME, Melanie Harrell
 - Mr. Smythe addressed the recent reorganization of HOPWA Grant. Partners for HOME reached out to HOPE Atlanta to take on role of "Central Intake" for HOPWA.
 - Ms. Harrell stated that the City of Atlanta asked Partners for HOME to assist with the relocation and stopping of evictions for former Living Room clients. The Living Room was the Central Intake provider for eligible funds, sponsors, and the medical community.
 - Partners for HOME is currently meeting with providers and looking into Central Intake and how it will need to adjust going forward. Formerly, the Living Room was able to absorb most of the referrals. This is not the case with HOPE Atlanta. The system currently being set up will be modeled closer to Coordinated Entry though not in Client Track immediately. Through this system HOPE Atlanta and their Central Intake staff will be working with HOPWA sponsors to report vacancies so that those in need of housing will have access to and are able to be referred to actual available spots.
 - Mr. Smythe emphasized that this is a very vulnerable population and there are a lot of challenges to ramp up this sort of system. HOPE Atlanta is currently working to make sure that it is done correctly with on-site and off-site intake and assessment coordinators, housing navigators, emergency lodging coordinator.
 - All of the positions listed are available on HOPE Atlanta's website.
 - Questions and suggestions are welcomed and can be emailed to Ms. Harrell (mharrell@partnersforhome.org) or Mr. Smythe (jsmythe@hopeatlanta.org)
 - Atlanta Youth Count 2018, Georgia State University, Eric R. Wright and Ana LaBoy

- Mr. Wright and Ms. LaBoy presented on a part of the Atlanta Youth Count 2018, specifically the prevalence of sex and labor trafficking among homeless youth in Metro-Atlanta. A formal report will be published in October.
- Please see slide deck for project goals, project methodology, and survey topics covered as well as information the Human Trafficking Screening tool.
 - Survey questioned asked for the topics of force, fraud, coercion and CSE were provided a well as percentage results from the survey (please see slide deck for details).
- Please note that “homeless” in the survey was considered as literally homelessness, couch surfing, and/or staying/living in a hotel/motel and “work” is defined as “anything you did to get money or something of value—including food, clothes and place to stay, protection, drugs or gifts—for yourself (or your family.)”
- Contact Mr. Wright (ewright28@gsu.edu) or Ms. LaBoy (alaboy1@gsu.edu) if you have any policy of program recommendations.
- A question was asked of there this survey covered geographically.
 - Ms. LaBoy responded that the survey covered Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, and Gwinnett Counties, though mostly in the City of Atlanta limits.
- A question was asked who the grantee was.
 - Ms. LaBoy stated that the National Institute of Justice was the grantor, and the grantee was Georgia State University.
- Reentry Partnership Housing (RPH) Program, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Brian DiNapoli
 - The RPH program is a means to provide housing to qualified individuals under the supervision of the Department of Community Supervision (DCS) who do not have valid residence plans. The eligibility is for six months.
 - Please see slide deck for program goals, how the program works, who is eligible for RPH, timeline and cost savings, and impacts.
 - There have been updated changes as to who can apply to be housing provider. Any non-profit or for-profit can apply with minimum financial documents and statements without having been in existence for 2 years. Sole-proprietors are also eligible to apply. Additionally, registered sex offenders are not eligible for the RPH program. DCA is looking for providers in outlying areas such as Cobb, Gwinnett, and Cherokee counties.
 - Emergency Solutions Grant Standards have been incorporated into housing policy and the food policy has been updated as it concerns food access.
 - Please see slide deck for details on amount providers are reimbursed.
 - Application window for prospective providers occurs two times yearly (spring and fall). Intent to apply form is due by the end of September. Please see slide deck for full application timeline.
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❖ CoC Updates

- 2019 HUD CoC Competition Update, Partners for HOME, Amy Zaremba
 - The local competition portion of the application is finished. Please see slide deck for breakdown of individual applications.

- PFH will report on the performance of the Atlanta CoC as a system to HUD in this application as well.
 - System Transformation Updates
 - Coordinated Entry, Partners for HOME, Ashlee Star and Jasmine Cunningham
 - System refinements are looking to be launched in the next couple of months. A summary of the system refinements specifically for the Access and Assignment component refinements will be sent out in the next two weeks. This summary will include current challenges and the strategies to refine these components. (see slide deck for details)
 - Work groups will begin in October 2019.
 - There will be a FLOW mandatory meeting Thursday, September 19.
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 - Career Navigation, Partners for HOME, Amber Austin
 - Ms. Austin is currently working to create an employment system to go along with the CE system. PFH is working along Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency to have four employment navigators at different agencies throughout the city during the work week. (See slide for exact dates and locations).
 - A monthly employment meeting will be held every third Tuesday of the month.
 - Youth Host Homes, Partners for HOME, Amber Austin
 - PFH has decided to terminate the youth host homes contract. This was due to no host homes being on boarded, but there is still a positive relationship with Inspiritus.
 - PFH is looking to reallocate the funds. There is a youth CoC meeting the first Thursday of every month.
 - aaustin@partnersforhome.org
 - PSH Pipeline Update, Partners for HOME, Chelsea Arkin
 - 9 applications have been received so far creating 218 of goal of 550 total units of PSH.
 - Please see slide deck for complete list of current applications.
 - carkin@partnersforhome.org
 - A question was asked about the affordability of the remaining units in the developments where the PSH units will be.
 - Ms. Arkin responded that there will be different levels of affordability due to different levels of AMI. These are based on HUD's AMI. The pipeline is only funding PSH so it is up to developer as to what they do with the rest (affordable vs. market rate rent).
- ❖ Agency Updates and Announcements
 - Housing Directory Requests, City of Atlanta Housing & Community Development, Tomika Tally
 - The City of Atlanta is putting together an affordable housing directory. A template can send over to to be filled out and returned to her. The directory will be online by end of year and will change every 2 years.
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