

**Atlanta Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10 am- 12 pm**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions, Cathryn Marchman**

❖ **Lead Agency Updates**

- New Staff Introductions, Cathryn Marchman & Danny Lester-Drew
 - Summer Duperon has joined PfH as the new VP of Development and Communications.
 - Jasmine Rockwell has joined PfH as the new Senior Project Manager of Coordinated Entry, Outreach, Chronics, and Veterans.
- Disability Form Update, Melissa Austin
 - The Disability Form has been reformatted and now includes an updated list of who can verify the disability per HUD regulations.
 - Please note the waiver extending disability verification to 6-months if self-verified has been updated to no verification needed until further notice.
- Housing Surge Update, Melissa Austin & Jamie Kimbrough
 - The Housing Surge 2020- 2021 is comprised of these key components: encampment to housing (outreach and navigation), funding, project set up and RRH launch, unit acquisition, referrals, the non-congregate hotel phase 2, furniture and move in kits, and lease up.
 - Please see presentation for further details and data.
 - Work for the housing surge includes daily case conferencing with RRH case management teams, on-site hotel case management, weekly document fairs at the NCH, and daily CE office hours from 4- 4:30 pm.
 - Please note, PfH will be posting the document fair schedule on their website within the next few weeks.
 - Wednesdays at 9:30 am there is a 30-minute Housing Surge Check-in meeting. Click [here](#) for the zoom link.
- PIT Waiver, Cathryn Marchman
 - 2021 is a required PIT Count year. After speaking with the CoC Governing Council, the PIT Planning Committee, and other key stakeholders, PfH submitted an exemption waiver to HUD for the 2021 unsheltered PIT Count. Approval was received from HUD.
 - The sheltered HIC PIT Count will still take place. The HMIS team will be following up with further guidance.
- HUD Omnibus Bill and NOFA Update, Cathryn Marchman
 - The Omnibus Bill passed and includes an approval from congress the renew 2019 HUD CoC funding without the annual competition. There will be a competition for new funds available. PfH will be apply as the collaborative applicant. There will more information to come.

- In addition to a renewal of 2019 funding, the bill included additional rental assistance and other consequential provisions. To see a full summary of the bill, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for rental assistance funds information.
- COVID-19 Vaccine, Cathryn Marchman
 - The Department of Public Health is continuing to follow the CDC guidelines regarding vaccine administration. Current grouping for PEH population is 1A. Please stand by for further details.
- HMIS Updates and HIC, Abby Burgess
 - The LSA is due Friday, January 15. Data improvements are being accepted until Thursday, January 14.
 - There will be a PIT Housing Inventory training on January 25.
 - System Performance Measures and Data Quality begin in February for submission March 1, 2021.
 - 2020 Data Standards have been implemented. Please note that data is being used daily. Agencies are encouraged to strive for live and accurate data entry.

❖ Presentations

- CRF Prevention Update, Protip Biswas, United Way
 - CRF funds were not expended by the original December 31, 2020 date. The City has extended the CRF Prevention program with United Way through March 31 with the funds left over from 2020.
 - Updates will be provided on January 27 on [United Way's website](#). New applications will be taken in February.
 - Please see presentation for further details.
- MTW Stakeholder Briefing Update, Ashlee Starr, Atlanta Housing
 - 2022 Move to Work plan will be available on the Atlanta Housing website for review and public comment from February 7- March 9.
- Unit Acquisition, Matt Hurd, Open Doors
 - Mr. Hurd presented on current unit acquisition work with the Housing Surge.
 - Please see presentation for details.
 - Any questions about Open Doors' programs can be sent to Mia McDowell (mia@opendoorsatl.org).

❖ Agency Updates/Round Robin

- Grady Health System, Leslie Marshburn
 - Agencies that have clients that are Grady patients and are over 65 can be on the lookout for an announcement for vaccine availability in primary care clinics.
- First Step Staffing, Amelia Nickerson
 - Case managers that are helping individuals housed can connect with Brian White (brian@firststepstaffing.com) for potential job opportunities for clients.
- Covenant House Georgia, Alie Redd
 - Covenant House Georgia is hiring. Please see the link [here](#) for openings and help spread the word.
- STRIVE Atlanta, Keren Cadet

- Contact Keren Cadet (kcadet@strive.org) for more information.
- Next steps to learn more and enroll:
 - Complete a short [Career Path Interest Form](#)
- Join for a virtual info session on Wednesday, January 13, 20 and 27 at 10am. Click here for [Zoom Info](#). Password: strive2021
- Mercy Care, Kenya Arnold
 - Mercy Care has walkers and 2 wheelchairs available for anyone that needs any. Agencies must pick it from the Women's Recuperative Care Program at City of Refuge. Email Kenya Arnold (karnold@mercyatlanta.org) for more information.
- CaringWorks, Carol Collard
 - CaringWorks has openings for case managers, an intake coordinator, and a treatment coordinator. Please send inquiries to careers@caringworksinc.org
- Church of the Common Ground, Shereetha Jackson
 - Shereetha Jackson (sjackson@churchofthecommonground.org) is the new Director of Community Engagement with Church of the Common Ground.
- Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Chianti Harris
 - Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church is currently providing referrals to housing and limited financial assistance, as well as operating a food pantry.
- CAP/ADID, Tammy Hughes
 - Contact Tammy Hughes (thughes@atlantadowntown.com) for more information and potential funding opportunities for collaborative work benefit PEH.
- Partners for HOME, Chelsea Arkin
 - PfH still has masks and gloves. Email Chelsea (carkin@partnersforhome.org) to schedule a pick-up time.

Key Components

- Encampment to Housing
 - Outreach and Navigation
- Funding
- Project Set up & RRH Launch
- Unit Acquisition
- Referrals
- HH Two
- Furniture and move in kits
- Lease Up

Housing Surge 2020-2021

Outreach and Navigation

- 714 CE assessments

Referrals and Furniture

- 746
- 800

Enrolled

- 430

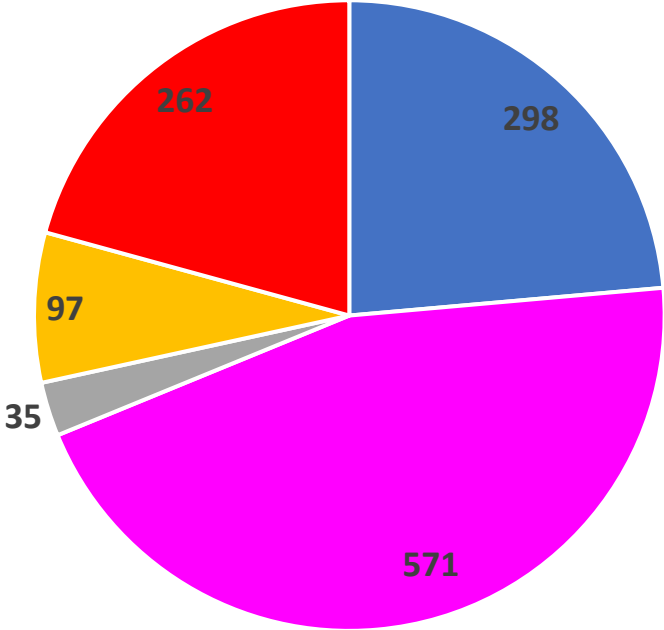
Units with Hold Fees

- 410

Housing Surge 2020-2021

Potential Interventions

Housing Queue 1-11-2021
Active Total 1263



- Diversion
- Chronic Adults
- Near Chronic
- Youth
- Jan-Feb Review

Housing Surge 2020-2021

Temperature
for Units and
Lease Ups

Units with Hold Fees

540
480
420
360
300
240
180
120
60
0



Households Leased Up

540
480
420
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Current Data

- **80** move-ins since 12/21
- **307** total individuals entered hotel from encampments since 11/4
- **16** from hotel into housing

Daily case conferencing with Rapid Rehousing Case Management teams

On-site hotel Case Management

1-2x weekly doc fairs at hotel

CE office hours



HMIS Updates

PRESENTATION BY ATLANTA COC ADMINISTRATORS

Upcoming HUD Deadlines



LSA Due Friday, January 15th. Accepting data improvements through Thursday!

Point in Time – Housing Inventory – Training – January 25th

System Performance Measures –Data Quality begins February for submission March 1, 2021



PIT/ HIC Portal Training

< January 2021 >

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3	4	1p Atlanta HMIS Coordinated Entry for Providers (New User)	6	7	8	9
10	11	10a Atlanta CoC Meeting 1p Atlanta CoC ClientTrack: 101 - Required for New Users	13	14	15	16
17	18	1p Atlanta HMIS Coordinated Entry for Assessors (New User)	20	21	10a Monthly CE Assessor Meeting (Required)	23
24	1p Sheltered Point In Time Survey Training	10a Atlanta CoC ClientTrack: 101 - Required for New Users	27	28	29	30
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[Atlanta CoC Training Calendar](#)

PIT/ HIC Portal Training – January 25th, 2021

Please send at least 1 representative who will be responsible for completing Housing Inventory for your agency!

Data Updates

- ❖ 2020 Data Standards implemented, reporting updates in progress
- ❖ We are using your data daily!
- ❖ Expect requests for data quality improvements.
- ❖ Strive for live data entry.
- ❖ Update client records, including contact information. Reassessment tools are being refined.

Important Links

- Institute for Community Alliances
<https://icalliances.org/atlanta-georgia>
- HUD Resources
[HUD Resource Exchange PIT -HIC Resources](#)
- HMIS Lead Website
<https://dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/homeless-management-information-system-hmis>
- CoC Website
<https://partnersforhome.org/>
<https://partnersforhome.org/hmis>



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innovating a robust approach to homelessness

Questions?

E-mail

AtlantaHMIS@icalliances.org

Atlanta COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Fund

Goal: To provide immediate support to
the city of Atlanta residents for rent,
mortgage, and/or utility assistance

The Emergency Housing Assistance Funds has been extended to March 31, 2021

- ✓ Online application portal closed on December 14th
- ✓ Last in-person event was December 19th
- ✓ First 2 weeks in December:
 - 2,438 online applications were received
 - 9 in-person events and 1,456 attendees

STATS: August 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021

- ✓ 4,744 households received assistances - \$12,980,104 (Initial goal 6,700 \$19.8M)
- ✓ 21,345 applications received (online and in-person events)
- ✓ 12,778 applications were disqualified (out of area, income, receiving housing subsidies)
- ✓ 2-1-1 handled 7,500 calls, texts and chats, responded to over 1,000 client status inquiries and all disqualified clients received additional community resources, via email

Next Steps ... 90 Day Plan for the Emergency Housing Program

January 1st – 31st:

Due to the high volume of applications being processed, new applications will not be accepted.

2-1-1 team will:

- Provide customer service for individuals that have submitted applications
- Communicate the program status (not accepting new applications) For program updates, visit the UWGA website after January 27th

Providers will work to:

- Close-out pending files (pay or deny) - **over 1,940** still in the pipeline

Monitoring Team will work to:

- Ensure completion of all outstanding corrective action
- Provide technical support to providers to ensure compliance timelines are met
finalize any outstanding audits

February 1st - March 31st

Begin taking new applications:

- Targeted number for online application: (this is fluid and could change based on the rising number of COVID cases/positivity rate)
 - Targeted number for in-person events
 - Targeted number for apartment events
- Work with select group of 5 - 8 Service Providers to assist with processing applications

**Encourage your contacts to visit the UWGA website after January 27th
for program updates**



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Unit Hold Process





Numbers to Date

Unit Amounts

668:

- 603 Units Secured
- 31 Units Committed
- 34 Unit Leads

Inspections

- 274 Units Ready and Listed
- 18 Units Scheduled for Inspection
- 311 Units in "Turn" Status

Placements

- 80 - 90 People Housed
- 193 Applications Under Review
- 109 Applications Approved



49 Participating/Lead Properties

1010 Dunning Street
13Ten Apartment Homes
396 Rawson Street
4371 Glenwood
462 Whitehall Terrace
521 Oliver Street NW
635 Jett Street
Arbor Gardens
Ashlar Townhomes
Austin Estates
Broadway
Chelsea Gardens
Decatur Estates
Decatur Gardens
Elite at 285
Elite at City Park
Elite at City View
Elite Lakeview

Fairburn and Gordon Apartments
Flint River Crossing
Forest Creek
Grace Abernathy
Grace Chamblee
Grace Peachtree Corners
Green Village
Hairston Woods
Heritage Reserve
Hidden Valley Apartments
Highland View Apartments
Kings Glen Apartments
Langley Place Apartments
Manor III
Park at Carrigan
Park at Peachtree Hills
Park Estates
Park Valley Apartments

Park Woods
Parkside Crossing
Pavilion Place
Regal Forest Apartments
Riverwood Club
Tara Hill Apartments
The Park at Netherly
Thirty72
Tucker Square Apartments
VESTA Adams
VESTA Bouldercrest
Village at Kensington
Villas at Panthersville



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Reserved over 600 units in 2 months
- Created new property partnerships
- Started developing a collaborative pipeline
- Secured 1 BR Units at scale

Weaknesses

- Slow unit readiness/property communication
- Hold agreement needs tougher “turn” language
- Logistics of multiple partners and hundreds of clients
- ID, Renter’s Insurance, criminal conviction barriers

Opportunities

- Properties motivated to participate with guaranteed rent and longer support term
- Combine access to rent relief when participating in LIFT and other CoC housing initiatives

Threats

- Slower turn rate for units with eviction moratorium
- Evictions for households associated with housing assistance programs
- Competition for units across HUD-funded programs