

**Atlanta Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2023  
Zoom Meeting**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions, Cathryn Vassell**

❖ **Reflection – Youth Community**

- The CoC paused for a moment of silence to reflect on the death of Xavier Simmons, a youth client, who lost his life due to gun violence in April.

❖ **Strategic Planning Overview and Discussion, Cathryn Vassell**

- The previous strategic plan, ClearPath, has expired. Partners for HOME and the strategic planning committee to end homelessness in Atlanta have been meeting with stakeholders to obtain input on the new 5-year strategic plan, tentatively named ClearerPath. Action planning occurred during 2022 for chronic, veteran, family, and youth homelessness, and various stakeholder meetings have been held in previous months. The goal is to present a draft plan in June of 2023.
- The four goals of the previous plan were to 1) disrupt and refine the system, 2) right size solutions, 3) realign and leverage resources, and 4) become performance driven. A public/private partnership resulted in a \$50 million investment to implement the strategic plan and set a course to end homelessness by building over 560 units of permanent supportive housing (95 of which are currently online).
- The implementation of ClearPath resulted in a 44% reduction in homelessness between 2018 and 2022. Over 4,000 people were served in emergency shelter, and over 5,100 households exited to housing.
- LIFT 1.0 used \$24 million to divert 1,200 households and house over 800 households. Nearly 250 individuals were moved out of encampments, and 30 acres were cleaned.
- LIFT 2.0 will utilize \$27 million to rehouse 1,500 households while accelerating the elimination of encampments.
- After a review of the strategic planning process, CoC meeting members broke into small groups to discuss two questions:
  - What would it take for us to execute the proposed goals?
  - What do you think is important for the general public to see or hear about this work/goal?

❖ **Agency Round Robin**

- Intown Collaborative Ministries is now [Intown Cares](#).
- [Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition](#) is opening a new satellite location at 401 Creekstone Dr, Woodstock, GA. They are open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 – 5:00 and Friday from 10:00 – 4:00. They offer infectious disease and substance use prevention services similar to their main location in Atlanta.
- The Advancement Department at Partners for HOME launched in January 2023. The department is responsible for fundraising, grantmaking, and communications. [Summer Duperon](#) is the Chief Advancement Officer, and [Jasmine Rockwell Heard](#) is the Senior Grants Manager. The LIFT 1.0 and 2.0 application periods have closed. The applications for interim housing and crisis response with diversion will launch in mid-May. View all open funding opportunities on the [Partners for HOME website](#).

**The next CoC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11 from 10:00 – 12:00.**



# *Clearer Path*

Strategic Planning Update  
to End Homelessness in the City of Atlanta

## Community Listening Sessions

CoC Meeting

May 9, 2023



# ClearPath Strategic Focus

Disrupt &  
Refine  
System

Right Size  
Solutions

Realign &  
Leverage  
Resources

Become  
Performance  
Driven

**Public/Private Partnership  
Resulted in \$50M to Implement the  
Strategic Plan and Set a Course to  
End Homelessness in ATL**



# ClearPath Results

**44%**

Reduction in  
Homelessness  
2018-2022



**4,182** Persons Served in  
Emergency Shelter



**3,307** Total Exits to Housing



**562** Newly Developed Units\*



*\*562 Approved, 95 Units Completed*

# Shared Journey to Update Plan



# 2021 – 2023 Testing New Strategies: Eliminating Encampments, Street Sleeping & Chronic Homelessness

**30%**

Reduction in  
Unsheltered  
Homelessness  
since 2020

## LIFT 1.0



\$24M



1,200 Diverted  
809 Rehoused



249 Off the Streets  
30 Acres Cleaned

## LIFT 2.0



\$27M



1,500 Rehoused



Accelerate  
Elimination of  
Encampments



# What Have We Learned?

- Do not have enough solutions for everyone experiencing homelessness...yet.
  - Must embrace a mindset of abundance and scale this system over next 5 years to advance equity and reduce racial disparities
- Targeting resources and showing visible and measurable results unlocks more resources
  - \$50M leveraged \$350M
  - LIFT 1.0 - \$24M = 30% reduction in unsheltered homelessness
  - LIFT 2.0 - \$27M
- Together we can move the needle – working as a data-driven system makes our impact bigger, unlocks more opportunities, and can achieve accelerate equity



# ***Clearer Path Strategic Framework*** **(DRAFT)**

## **Vision**

**Homelessness Response That Advances Equity**

**Build an Anti-Racist  
Service Delivery  
Culture**

**Strategically  
Maximize  
Investments to  
Create a Solution  
for Every Unhoused  
Person**

**Prevent or Divert  
Persons from  
Homelessness as a  
First Response**

**Target Service  
Delivery to Reduce  
Duration of  
Homelessness**

**Seek Partners  
Beyond  
Homelessness  
Response to  
Eliminate Systemic  
Drivers of Racial  
Disparities**





# **We Now Have A *Clearer* Path For the Next Five Years To:**

**Eliminate  
Unsheltered  
Homelessness**

**Ensure Families and  
Youth Avoid  
Homelessness**

**Ensure No Veteran Is  
Without Housing and  
Services**



# *Clearer Path* Goal #1 - DRAFT

## Eliminate Unsheltered Homelessness



Resolve and eliminate all encampments using flexible rehousing subsidies, housing navigation and stabilization services.



Move the remaining XXX individuals experiencing chronic homelessness into supportive housing or higher levels of care.



Divert the XX% experiencing homelessness for the first time by providing immediate, flexible solutions.

# ***Clearer Path* Goal #2 - DRAFT**

## **Divert Families & Youth From Homelessness**



Use flexible resources to help families, unaccompanied youth and young adults remain in safe housing environments rather than entering emergency shelter for assistance.



Expand tailored, developmentally appropriate housing solutions to ensure no unaccompanied youth and young adults (ages 16-24) are sleeping in emergency shelters or on the streets.



Target investments to rapidly rehouse all families and youth within 30 days of experiencing homelessness.



# ***Clearer Path* Goal #3 - DRAFT**

## **Ensure No Veteran Is Without Housing & Services**



Secure enough federal subsidies and services for veterans so that no veteran is homeless longer than 90 days.



Target services to immediately divert or rapidly house all veterans within 90 days of experiencing homelessness.



Enhance partnership with Veterans Administration to improve continuity of care and ensure veterans are stable and not returning to homelessness.