

**Atlanta Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting
10 am- 12 pm**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions, Cathryn Marchman**

❖ **COVID Prevention Work Update, Terri Lee, Chief Housing Officer COA**

- Terri Lee provided an update on current efforts in the City of Atlanta for COVID-19 rental assistance. Please see slide deck for details.

❖ **Lead Agency Updates**

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update, Cathryn Marchman
 - COVID Response work is ongoing. However, much is in the process of ramping down and moving towards recovery work. Please see slide deck for details.
 - Regular testing scheduled was created by Mercy Care. There are two events this week and two events the week of July 27. Please note that testing labs are backed up and results are at a 6- 8 day turn around.
 - PfH and its partners are working to determine if, how, and how much funding can be used to preserve HomeFirst programs, create PSH, add diversion and RRH capacity, and expand outreach capacity. Please see slide deck for details and more information on how the CoC is looking to use federal grants and private partnerships to accelerate housing solutions and increase overall placements and information on housing command center.
- PIT Update, Cathryn Marchman
 - PIT report is still with graphic designer. Data has been presented to the Governing Council and is approved to be released pending review of final report. PfH will have a public PIT forum in the next few weeks to present the data to the CoC and roll it out publicly.
- NcH Update, Melissa Austin
 - The census of the NcH is in the 210- 220 range. Housing solutions have been identified for the majority of the guests through daily case conferencing. Please see slide deck for detailed breakdown of solutions. Next steps including getting all individuals document ready and identifying units by August 31.
- RFP Updates, Melissa Austin
 - Melissa Austin presented on recent RFP awards. See slide deck for details.
 - Please note the second half of the Outreach and Navigation RFP was rereleased. Information on this RFP can be found on the [PfH website](#).
 - An Employment Navigation RFP will be released soon.
- COVID CE Prioritization Update, Melissa Austin
 - An addendum was added to the current prioritization criteria for CE. This addendum has prioritized high-risk individuals as defined by the CDC. Original prioritization criteria is still in place for all units online before COVID-

- 19. New housing options are now being prioritized for the high-risk individuals.
 - This addendum coincides with the COA's COVID-19 Phases. Once the city reaches Phase 5, addendum will be reevaluated.
- Coordinated Entry Access Update, Amanda Van Dalen
 - Gateway Center is now able to accept phone assessments from Monday-Thursday between 8 am- 3 pm. Currently the limit is seven phone assessments per day. This is in the first stage of implementation.
- Call for Participation, Melissa Austin
 - PfH and its partners are looking for agencies to participate in multiple initiatives: RFP Review, Youth Committee, Income and Employment, CE Policy Committee, and Advisory Council. Individuals or agencies that are interested can reach out to Melissa Austin, maustin@partnersforhome.org.

❖ Presentations

- Pre-arrest Diversion Expansion, Moki Macias, Pre-Arrest Diversion
 - Moki Macias presented on PAD expansion this fiscal year. PAD will be expanding to all APD zones and MARTA. Street outreach will be coordinated with city and county agencies. Newest expansion effort is community referrals beginning October 1, 2020. Additionally, PAD is looking to coordinate planning for 911 dispatch of alternative responders. See slide deck for details.
 - Please note that PAD has 5 working groups meeting in July and August around community response. There will also be community listening session in August and September. Please email Moki Marcias, moki@prearrestdiversion.org, for more information or to get involved.
- Lazarus Health Day, Johnny Winkle, Lazarus
 - <https://wearelazarus.org/healthday/>
 - Lazarus holds a health event every September from the past 12- 13 years. They are currently scheduled for Sunday, September 20 for a smaller scale event. If any agencies have any feedback about what services are needed in the community for this event in the fall, please email Johnny Winkle, johnny@wearelazarus.org.

❖ Advocacy Opportunity: COVID 19 Funding, Cathryn Marchman

- The National Alliance has a call to action to implore congressional representatives to reconsider the Heroes Act. More specifically, if it is not the Heroes Act, that there be a second stimulus bill that include a third round of ESG dollars.
- Click [here](#) to fill out the letter to be sent to Georgia's congressional house representatives.

❖ Agency Updates/Round Robin

- Abby Burgess, ICA: ClientTrack has a new project set up form. ICA has updated this link on their [How to Join HMIS Page](#). All new orgs/projects utilizing ClientTrack must complete this form.
 - All an HMIS Users or Agencies must complete an updated end user agreement (sent in email from GAHMIS) and annual agency agreement (sent

in email from GAHMIS). As always, please contact atlantahmis@icalliances.org for have questions about ClientTrack.

- The [training calendar](#) for HMIS trainings has been updated.
- Emory Paul, Soul Supplies: Soul Supplies will be passing out over 300 backpacks on July 29. They are partnering with SafeHouse during their food distribution.
- Brian DiNapoli, DCA: Agencies or business that are interested in becoming a Reentry Partnership Housing provider, please email be at brian.dinapoli@dca.ga.gov.
- Brad Schweers, Intown Collaborative Ministries: Hand Sanitizer is still available from the COC for pick up from Intown Collaborative Ministries on Ponce. Fill out the form [here](#) to request.
- Marie, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta: First Pres has resumed requesting birth certificate applications for individuals born in Georgia on Monday- Wednesday from 1- 3 pm.
- The Urban League of Greater Atlanta is offering rental and utility assistance to those affected by COVID-19. www.ulgatl.org
- Kimberly Parker, Central Outreach and Advocacy Center: COAC is open for services on Monday and Thursdays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm