

**Atlanta Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020
Zoom Meeting
10 am- 12 pm**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions, Cathryn Marchman**

❖ **Lead Agency Updates**

- Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Exit Launch, Melissa Austin & Tamara Roulhac
 - Tamara Roulhac started with Partners for HOME in July as the Senior Project Manager for Youth & Families, Employment, and Diversion.
 - Nicholas House received the award for this work and the program began last week. Current efforts are focused on diversion and rapid exit.
 - Referrals will go through the CE workflow
 - Please see slides deck for detailed workflows.
 - Questions on this work can be directed to Carla Wells at Nicholas House or Tamara Roulhac (troulhac@partnersforhome.org).
- PSH and RRH Benchmark, Stephanie Owens
 - A training will be held on September 16 from 10:30 am- 12 pm for all PSH and RRH providers. This training will cover the roll out of their performance benchmarks and thresholds, metrics review, plan for public performance dashboard, review of performance reports, and data quality report review.
 - To register, please go to the following link:
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4706768894648590095>
 - Please note that previously published dashboards have been taken down from the PfH website. The ICA team is working to incorporate new data points. These dashboards will be ready to be rereleased in the next 30- 45 days.
- COVID Recovery Update, Cathryn Marchman
 - Ms. Marchman presented on the current COVID Recovery Strategy that includes exiting up to 2,000 households out of homelessness over the coming months.
 - \$1.5M of \$3.6M funding gap has been raised to date.
 - Agencies are invited to partner on this ambitious strategy by coordinating outreach and navigation services. There is an open RFQ for rapid rehousing activities and agencies are encouraged to consider adding case management capacity.
- PSH Pipeline Update, Chelsea Arkin
 - Based on current applications received, the total PSH units will be 329. Dwell at the Alcove has opened and was the first units to be placed in service.
 - Please see slide deck for application details.
- DCA QAP Recommended Changes, Chelsea Arkin
 - PfH is currently recommending four changes to the DCA QAP. All recommended changes are due by October 1. Anyone interested in being involved can contact Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org).
 - Please see slide deck for recommended changes.
- Call for Participation, Melissa Austin

- The following groups and committees looking for additional community and provider involvement: Youth Action Board, Youth Aging Out of Foster Care, System Performance Measures Workgroup, CE Policy Committee, RFP/RFQ Scoring.
- Anyone interested in joining can reach out to Melissa Austin (maustin@partnersforhome.org).

❖ Presentations

- Voter Registration Work, Erica Clemmons Dean, New Georgia Project
 - Ms. Clemmons Dean discussed the current effort to register individuals experiencing homelessness to vote. This is done through a 3 way approach: voter registration, education, and mobilization.
 - The New Georgia Project is currently partnering with Hope Thru Soap for 33 voter registration events at different agencies throughout September and October.
 - Please contact Erica Clemmons Dean with the New Georgia Project (erica@newgeorgiaproject.org, 404-759-7986) or Megan Roberts VandeBogert with Hope Thru Soap (megan@hopethrusoap.org).
- Georgia Works Reintroduction, Darlene Schultz, Georgia Works
 - Ms. Schultz recently started as the new CEO of Georgia Works and presented of the Georgia Works Program.
 - Please email Darlene Schultz (dschultz@georgiaworks.net) with any questions or to get connected.

❖ Agency Updates/Round Robin All

- Join Point Source Youth virtually for the 4th Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness. Connect with attendees from across the country and hear directly from providers, advocates, activists, policymakers, and funders who are committed to creating solutions to the youth homelessness crisis that center youth and their well-being. Tune in to discuss emerging best practices for housing young people--learn about launching new interventions like direct cash transfers, and improving existing interventions like rapid re-housing, host homes, and kinship strengthening programs during COVID-19 and beyond.
 - Click the link to access more info and register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-national-symposium-on-solutions-to-end-youth-homelessness-registration-88012278093#utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=newsfeed&utm_campaign=sympromo
- The GA Department of Early Care & Learning has special childcare scholarship/financial assistance available right now for families who live in school districts that are fully virtual for students. Program is called SOLVE and families apply on GA Gateway in same spot they apply for CAPS childcare assistance.
 - https://www.dec.al.gov/documents/attachments/SOLVE_EligibilityRequirements.pdf
 - <https://www.dec.al.gov/CAPS/Solve.aspx>
- Intown still has cases of free hand sanitizer (in 4 oz bottles) for pick up at their Ponce location. Email Kay Hunter (kay.hunter@intowncm.org) for pick up on Tuesday or Friday from 10 am- 12 pm.

- There has not been any word from HUD about the annual NOFA. The competition could be waived this year. More updates to come as they are received. Waiver applications are still applicable. HUD is also considering options related to the Point in Time Count. More information to come as it is made available.
- Mercy Care has a COVID-19 testing event on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Gateway, 9 am- 1 pm
- Step Up on Second received the second Outreach and Navigation award and will be adding 3 more FTEs to the system.
- Refer individuals that live in the city of Atlanta that need assistance with rent, utilities and security deposits to <https://relief.uwga.org/>. They will need to go through 211 to get to these agencies that have this assistance.
 - The Urban League of Greater Atlanta is also assisting individuals in City of Atlanta with the relief funds.