# Atlanta Continuum of Care + Governing Council Joint Meeting Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025 In-Person Meeting

# Governing Council Business

 Members Present: Rev. Sean Smith, Amelia Nickerson, Leslie Marshburn, Dawn Kentish, Brad Schweers, Erica Headlee, Philip Gilman, Cathryn Vassell, Marc Pollack, Maxwell Ruppersburg

### Minute Approval

The minutes from the November 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

# Committee Report Outs

### Governance Committee – Brad Schweers

- There are three new nominations. There are open spots for the City of Atlanta (previously occupied by Deborah Lonon), the business community (previously occupied by Meaghan Vlkovic), and Rank & Review committee chair (previously occupied by Robert Herrera).
  - o Jeff Chesnut (Senior Counsel at Seyfarth) Rank & Review Committee Chair
  - Josh Humphries (Housing Policy Advisor to Mayor Dickens) City of Atlanta representative
  - o Marcus Mister (VP of Business Operations at ADID) Business community representative
- Leslie Marshburn was internally nominated for the Vice Chair position to replace Rev. Sean Smith since he has moved into the Chair role.
- The Council unanimously approved the nominations.
- A survey will be sent out to the Governing Council to get their feedback on meeting structure.

### Client Advisory Council (CAC) – Cathryn Vassell

- The CAC has an active workplan and they are continuing to conduct satisfaction surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness. Previously, they conducted nearly 300 surveys at Gateway and Salvation Army which were compiled and presented to agency leadership. They will now survey unsheltered individuals to understand their experience with the homeless response system and why they're unsheltered. A subcommittee has worked with the performance team at Partners for HOME on the survey. Gift cards will be offered to survey respondents.
- The CAC is also recruiting new members. Individuals must be 25 or older and have lived homelessness experience. Reach out to Abby Bracewell (<a href="mailto:abracewell@partnersforhome.org">abracewell@partnersforhome.org</a>) for more information.

# Youth Action Board (YAB) – Bidemi Animashaun

- The YAB is in the process of nominating a new chair. The existing chair, Kyra Stoute, is transitioning to the CAC since she is no longer 24.
- The Youth Point-in-Time Count event will be held on January 31 at Covenant House GA. This event will be a resource fair but will also be an opportunity for volunteers to survey youth for the 2025 Atlanta Point-in-Time Count. The YAB is currently working on coordinating transportation efforts and identifying other vendors for the resource fair. For more information, reach out to Bidemi Animashaun (yab@partnersforhome.org).

# Lead Agency Updates

# o Campaign and Communications Updates - Annie Hyrila

## Fundraising Campaign

- Partners for HOME has launched a fundraising campaign which will help increase the pace and scale
  at which the system works. The goal is to expand services and housing with comprehensive mental
  and medical and behavioral health services. The campaign is focused on key areas in partnership
  with the Mayor's office, part of which is tied to the 500 rapid housing units that will come online by
  the end of 2025. Many of these units are already built or are under construction (The Melody,
  Bonaventure, Water Works, 405 Cooper Street).
- Another part of the campaign is focused on a project called "Downtown Reimagined", a partnership between ADID, Central Atlanta Progress, GSU, and the Mayor's Office. These efforts will prioritize moving individuals who are experiencing homelessness downtown into housing first, either through rapid housing or rapid rehousing. There is a strong focus on safety, and APD will be involved.
   Another goal is to increase amenities so that people can better access transportation and residential amenities.
- Funding sources for the campaign include the City of Atlanta, Atlanta Housing (vouchers), State or County partner for services, Invest Atlanta, and philanthropy dollars. Partners for HOME is working with Coxe Curry on the philanthropic side, and \$11 million has already been raised. Chris Womack of Southern Company has donated \$1 million and will co-chair the campaign.

### Communications

- Cathryn Vassell co-authored an op ed with LaChandra Burks that will appear in the AJC.
- Groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings for rapid housing initiatives have been featured in the media.
- Partners for HOME would like to focus on success stories from within the Atlanta CoC. Ideas for stories or social media can be sent to Annie Hyrila (<a href="mailto:ahyrila@partnersforhome.org">ahyrila@partnersforhome.org</a>). Specific stories of interest include warming centers and the 2025 Atlanta Point-in-Time Count.

### o Housing and LIFT 2.0 Updates - Cathryn Vassell

- There have been 1,850 total housing placements as part of LIFT 2.0. LIFT providers have worked very hard over the last year and a half to exceed the goal of 1,500. As the campaign to do more rapid rehousing is launched, Partners for HOME is looking at how to support providers to grow capacity to improve the service delivery model.
- The Melody was the first rapid housing project and has 40 units. TIAM is the property manager, and HOPE Atlanta provides onsite services.
- Project HEAL will provide some rapid housing units with onsite medical and mental health services to help residents stay out of hospitals. 30 of these units will be at the Waterworks property. Funds are currently being raised for this effort. The goal is to help hospital leadership see that funding this project will help keep individuals out of their hospitals.
- An additional 200 units of permanent supportive housing will be coming online via 111 Moreland, Sylvan Hills, Heritage West Lake, Martin House, and Trinity Flats.

# Policy and Advocacy Updates – Cathryn Vassell

- The homeless criminalization bill backed by the Cicero Institute was defanged over the last two legislative sessions, but there is still a possibility that it could come back.
- The budget goals for the 2025 legislative session include:

- Funding a dedicated ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) team support for the City of Atlanta. There are state-funded ACT teams, but there is a need for dedicated teams who can prioritize unsheltered individuals in the city.
- Pushing for inclusion of street outreach funds which were included in the budget in the last two sessions.
- Funding (\$515,000) for supportive services for the Melody.

### Downtown advocacy work

- A committee meets bi-weekly with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Partners for HOME, providers, ADID, and CAP. With the 2026 World Cup, there is a greater focus on downtown in general, and the homeless population has come up as part of that conversation. The hope is to add capacity focused in the downtown area.
- There will be a meeting with the PATH teams later this month to discuss how to collaborate and bring in as much support as possible. There is an effort toward more coordination so that work isn't siloed.

# Street Outreach and Diversion Updates – Camille Sims Russell

- The current outreach project is decommissioning the Pryor Street Encampment; decommissioning is scheduled for February 24. Partners for HOME has started using ArcGIS to view the space which helps to contextualize population density, mitigation and cleaning efforts. Decommissioning dates are set with the City, ADOT/GDOT, and DPW. Most efforts to date have been around Pryor Street. The 36 bridges were identified and closed in partnership with the Mayor's Office throughout 2024 for the Bridge Initiative, with Pryor as one of the identified bridges that needed ongoing engagement and additional resources. In early January, Partners for HOME hosted a town hall that served as a resource event specifically for the individuals living in the Pryor Street Encampment. They worked with case managers and uploaded documents in real time to HMIS. Outreach teams are continuing to work with individuals on their documents and housing applications.
- The outreach workgroup is looking for additional members. The workgroup is comprised of outreach providers, assessors, navigators, case managers, people with lived experience, and other stakeholders. The meetings are currently held virtually every other Friday from 12-1 pm. Email Camille Russell (<a href="mailto:crussell@partnersforhome.org">crussell@partnersforhome.org</a>) or Erin Wilson (<a href="mailto:ewilson@partnerforhome.org">ewilson@partnerforhome.org</a>) for more information.

### Coordinated Entry – Camille Sims Russell

- Atlanta utilizes a multiaccess point coordinated entry model (311 telephonic access, mobile assessors
  with street outreach, centralized access points, youth specific access points, and veteran specific access
  points). The goal is to create a "no wrong door" approach.
- The coordinated entry team will continue to explore different case studies around the VISPADT, refine
  access expansion, expand the internal HMIS team, set up office hours, and continue refinement within
  connectivity.

### o Families and Youth – Jasmine Cunningham

Last year, the team focused on key areas of improvement within the youth system. Once of the biggest challenges was identification of youth experiencing homelessness. With the help of the continuous quality improvement team, a performance dashboard was built to more efficiently track homeless youth. This dashboard tracks inflow and outflow, and the data will be used to collaborate with youth providers. The team also hosted strategic planning sessions that focused on expanding access to coordinated entry, increasing diversion efforts at youth access point, and improving communication among youth providers.

- There were 1,041 homeless youth in 2024, and inflow continued to exceed outflow. There are currently 359 youth who are actively homelessness.
- 274 families were housed last year. While there was a 22% decrease in the number of unsheltered families, numbers are starting to increase. The family workgroup launched in 2024 and came up with three specific goals: expand access to coordinated entry for families, increase diversion efforts at family access points, and expand shelter access for families.

### Veterans – David Mance

There are 351 active veterans in the system. In December, 81 veterans were chronically homelessness; 33 of those were newly identified, and 1 had returned back to homelessness. 11 veterans were housed in December, and 240 veterans were housed in 2024. On average, veterans were housed in 176 days from identification. The veterans workgroup meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please contact David Mance (dmance@partnersforhome.org) for more information.

### DEIB Updates – Brianna Flowers

- The CoC's JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) standards, created by AREA (Atlanta Racial Equity Alliance) and the DEI taskforce, have been underway for over a year. The standards are available on the <a href="Partners for HOME website">Partners for HOME website</a> and were featured in the <a href="mailto:most recent newsletter">most recent newsletter</a>.
- There is an <u>online submission tool</u> for CoC agencies to submit their responses to the JEDI standards and evaluation tool. The framework offers an opportunity for individual organizations to assess where they are in adopting policies and practices related to JEDI. The initial year of completion of this evaluation process serves as the baseline, and subsequent years will be evaluated against the baseline year. Having a self-assessment helps an organization see a snapshot of their organization and helps the CoC as a whole see the ecosystem of JEDI work and where changes are necessary. Submissions are needed from at least three staff members (someone in leadership, a manager, and a staff member working directly with clients). Office hours will be held every Thursday at 10:00 until the end of January.

# CoC Meeting Update – Brianna Flowers

• Future CoC meetings will have a "CoC Member Spotlight" on a CoC agency. Partners for HOME will reach out to organizations to have presentations that will cover an overview of their agency and services.

### 2025 Atlanta Point in Time Count

The 2025 Atlanta Point-in-Time Count will take place the week of January 27. The night count will take place on Monday, January 27, and day site counts will take place the week following until February 3. Several trainings will take place to ensure that volunteers are well-prepared. Please email Abby Bracewell (<a href="mailto:abracewell@partnersforhome.org">abracewell@partnersforhome.org</a>) with any questions.

### Agency Round Robin

Powell Harris is with Food 4 Lives, an agency that provides street feeding. They are planning a service fair and
encourage agencies to attend to have a warm introduction to the individuals Food 4 Lives serves. The service
fair is planned for March. Please reach out to Powell Harris (<u>powell@food4lives.org</u>) for more information.

# Atlanta Rising Campaign A Holistic Effort to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief and Non-recurring



Rapid Housing Production - 500 new PSH units by 2025 prioritizing unsheltered downtown.



**Downtown Reimagined: Homeless** strategy (in partnership with the City, Chamber, CAP/ADID, and others)



Rapid Housing Supportive Services onsite case management, behavioral health support, addiction and self-management, etc.



Dedicated medical and mental health pilot to address chronic homelessness with Grady, Emory, Wellstar, Piedmont, Northside, etc.



Comprehensive Rehousing Services -1880 households rehoused prioritizing unsheltered downtown.



Diversion, prevention and rapid exit in partnership with Destination Home and Cisco

# **DOWNTOWN REIMAGINED**

In anticipation of the millions of visitors expecting in the coming years for major events, the Dickens Administration is making unprecedented investment in the experience of both visitors and residents in Downtown Atlanta.

# **PARTNERS INCLUDE:**









Atlanta Committee for Progress





Atlanta Sports
Council (ASC)



# PROPOSED USES

Item	Description	Budget
The Melody	New construction 40-unit PSH community constructed with shipping containers located at 184 Forsyth St in South Downtown	\$5,000,000
Waterworks	New construction 100-unit PSH community located at the Waterworks facility in West Midtown	\$16,000,000
Cooper Street	New construction 100-unit PSH community located in Mechanicsville	\$16,000,000
729 Bonaventure	Acquisition and rehabilitation of an existing 24-unit multifamily community in Virginia Highlands	\$4,700,000
[TBD Projects]	To be determined new construction and/or acquisition projects	\$33,200,000
Subtotal for hard & soft costs*		\$75,000,000
Housing Supportive Services*	Site management & supportive services for 5 years (\$23,200/unit/year)	\$62,500,000
Rapid Rehousing Effort	Rehousing individuals over two years (philanthropic ask)	\$50,000,000
Prevention & Diversion Efforts	In partnership with Cisco and Destination Home	\$10,000,000
Downtown Reimagined: Homelessness	Dedicated outreach and engagement strategy	\$7,000,000
Project HEAL*	Pilot effort to provide increased medical & mental health to chronically homeless	\$5,000,000
Administration	Partners for Home administrative fee	\$2,500,000
Subtotal for supportive services		\$137,000,000

\$212,000,000

**Total Uses** 

# PROPOSED SOURCES

Source	Description	Budget
City of Atlanta	Homeless Opportunity Bond	\$50,000,000
Atlanta Housing	Project-based voucher income for 5* years	\$20,000,000
State or County Partner	Supportive services income for 5* years	\$25,000,000
Invest Atlanta	Housing Opportunity Bond	\$7,500,000
City of Atlanta	City of Atlanta Housing Trust Fund	\$17,000,000
	Public + City Funding Subtotal	\$119,500,000
Philanthropy	Raised to Date: \$11M Remaining to be Raised: \$81.5M	\$92,500,000
	COMBINED TOTAL	\$212,000,000
	TOTAL USES/NEED	
	TOTAL SOURCES/IDENTIFIED TO DATE	
	REMAINING TO BE RAISED	\$81,500,000

<sup>\*</sup>vouchers extend beyond this 5-year period

# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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### THE MELODY (LAUNCHED 2024)

The Melody is an example of how innovative, collaborative efforts can transform lives and create lasting change. Its success has demonstrated the power of providing permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, fostering stability, community, and hope.



### BONAVENTURE RIBBON CUTTING (DEC. 3)

Officially opening permanent supportive housing units that provide stability and dignity to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness.



### RALPH DAVID HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING (DEC. 18)

Will soon be welcoming more residents to their new homes and building a future of hope and community.



### WATERWORKS GROUNDBREAKING (DEC. 19)

Launching a transformative development in partnership with Mayor Dickens to expand housing options for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Bonaventure, Ralph David House and Waterworks will provide 179 new units on track to surpass our goal of 500 units by the end of 2025.

# HEAL (HOMELESS EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACCESSIBLE LIVING)

Project HEAL (Homeless Empowerment through Accessible Living) is a collaborative group with the goal of assisting individuals experiencing homelessness pending a hospital discharge who do not meet criteria for skilled nursing care but are too acute for typical emergency shelter or supportive housing. Recognizing the significant need to solve for this gap in our system, PFH and the City have dedicated a portion of the units developed to Project HEAL. The Waterworks site, where 100 units of modular housing will be delivered in Q3 of 2025 will have the first 30 units dedicated to Project HEAL.

# MEDIA COVERAGE



### The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

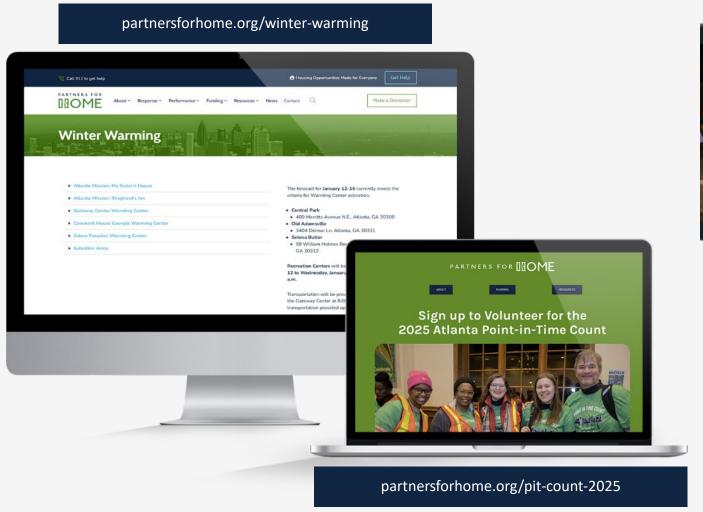








# **COMMUNICATIONS TO SHARE**





# Housing and Advocacy Updates

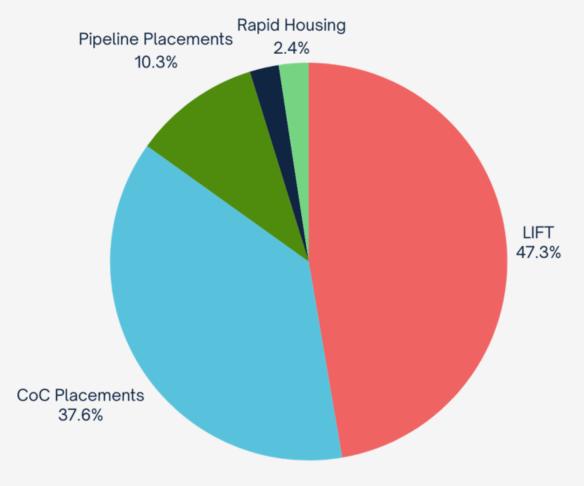
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# UNSHELTERED AND/OR CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

**Total Housed** 

Currently, 1700
households have been
housed as of
10/25/2024



CATEGORY	ACTUAL	GOAL
LIFT 2.0	778	709
CoC Placements	618	236
Pipeline Placements	172	248
Vouchers	93	207
Rapid Housing	39	500
Total Housed	Total Actual	Total Projected
	1700	1500

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# **PSH PIPELINE - 2025**

**Project Status Update** 



# 1688 LAKEWOOD

- 20 PSH units
- ECD: Summer 2025
- Services: Fulton County DBHDD



# **277 MORELAND**

- 56 PSH units
- (6) ADA units
- ECD: Spring 2025
- Developer: Stryant Investments
- Services: Fulton County DBHDD

# **HOLLY STREET**

- 40 1bd & 2bd units- 55+ seniors
- 9 PSH units
- ECD: Summer 2025
- Developer: Quest Development
- Services: Fulton County DBHDD

# **ABBINGTON AT ORMEWOOD**

- 42 Studio and 1bd units
- 8 PSH units
- ECD: Spring 2025
- Developer: REA Ventures
- Services: Fulton County DBHDD

# COMING SOON

# **PSH PIPELINE - 2025**

**Project Status Update** 



# **MARTIN HOUSE**

- 153 mixed income, affordable
   & market rate units, 55+
   seniors
- 8 PSH units
- ECD: Summer 2025
- Services: Fulton County DBHDD

# PSH PIPELINE – 2026 and Beyond Project Status Update - 196

111 Moreland	42	Q1 2026
Sylvan Hills	24	Q2 2026
Heritage West Lake	102	Q2 2026
Martin House	8	Q3 2026
Trinity Flats	20	Q2 2027

# Advocacy Agenda

# 2025 Legislative Session

- New dedicated ACT team support 3 teams at \$750K per team = \$2.25M
- Renewal of street outreach funds \$825,000
- Services for the Melody at the full \$515K annually (currently at \$300K)

# 2026

- Begin conversations in May, 2025
- Seek \$24M state commitment for rapid housing support services, ongoing outreach and continuation of rapid rehousing launched through LIFT

# **Downtown Rising:**

Street Homelessness and Housing Readiness Strategy Improve Mental Increase Outreach Health Service & Rehousing Provision Support Goals **Reduce Barriers** Strengthen to Shelter and Coordination Housing among Partners **Ensure Public** Advance 3 Space is Policy Needs Welcoming for All

# **Downtown Rising:** Street Homelessness and Housing Readiness Strategy

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX - DRAFT

Goal	Tactic	Lead	Partner	Est. Cost	Next Steps	Start Date	Goal End Date	Status
Increase Outreach &	1.1- Hire 24+ outreach/case workers assigned to Downtown geography, by zone	Partners for Home	City of Atlanta, Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID)	\$2M	Secure funding Finalize geography	3/2025	3Q-2025	Secured \$1M gift
Rehousing Support	1.2 - Launch campaign to business owners, landlords to provide with resource guide and key contacts for service.	ADID	City of Atlanta, Partners for Home		Create materials Identify contact # or utilize 311 to deploy	3/2025	Ongoing	
	2.1 - Community Storage Pilot	ADID	Private Property Owner(s), City of Atlanta	\$0.3 M	Determine locations, secure funding	2Q-2025	4Q-2025	
Reduce Barriers to Accessing Shelter and Housing	2.2 – Navigation Center(s) – providing wrap around services and basic hygiene needs; limited overnight beds and 24/7 access		City of Atlanta, PFH		Determine political will, operating model, and costs  Assess potential locations and operators			One possible site identified
	2.3 - Technical Assistance for Transitional Housing Conversion				Toolkit for Transitional Housing Conversions ( <u>Link</u> )			
	3.1 - Public Restrooms	City of Atlanta	ADID, Private property owners	TBD based on # of locations	Identify locations, vendor, and funding Secure neighborhood support	1Q-2025	1Q-2026	
Ensure Public Spaces are Welcoming for All	3.2 - Street Feeding/Donation Campaign	City of Atlanta	ADID, MAC, ATL Community Food Bank, faith-based orgs, service providers		Identify central location for prepared food donations  Communications / Awareness campaign	4Q-2024	2Q-2025	Underway
	3.3 - Coordinated Enforcement Strategy for Predatory and Illegal Behavior	City of Atlanta	Atlanta Police Department, Fulton County Solicitors Office	TBD based on need for add'I capacity	Convene law enforcement / zone leadership; determine capacity and funding needs	2Q-2025		

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Improve Mental Health Service Provision	4.1 — Establish a mental health service pilot focused on Downtown's population				Secure funding  Finalize scope of services; service providers			
5	5.1 – Establish a "Central Command Center" for Downtown Strategy; monitor progress and barriers	City of Atlanta	Partners for Home, Service Providers, ADID, MAC		Establish scope, cost, location	2Q-2025	3Q-2025	Not Started
Strengthen Coordination among Partners	5.2 – Ecosystem scan and capacity building support for legacy institutions	TBD	PFH		GSU's Center for Health and Homelessness as a potential partner?	1Q-2025		Conversations with Safehouse, Gateway and Crossroads
	5.3 – Improvements to HMIS or other central communications tool		Private Sector — T/A support					
	Hold monthly convening with Downtown service providers	ADID	PfH, service providers, property owners, APD	-	Expand invitation list	1Q-2024	Ongoing	Started
	6.1 Secure dedicated revenue for homelessness	City of Atlanta			Issue legislation to allow taxation by municipalities during 26 term	1Q-2025		Started
6	6.2 – Enforcement of Atlanta's quality of life ordinances and related judicial reform	APD	Capitol police, Sheriff, GSU Police	TBD	Determine capacity of existing law enforcement			
Advance State and Local Policy Needs	6.3 – Increase State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless and secure state funding access for HL work	HouseATL/PFH	Nelson Mullins, Ga Power/Southern Co, Selig		Secure \$3M through FY25 amended and FY26 budget during legislator  Meet with Governor's office in	1Q-2025		Started

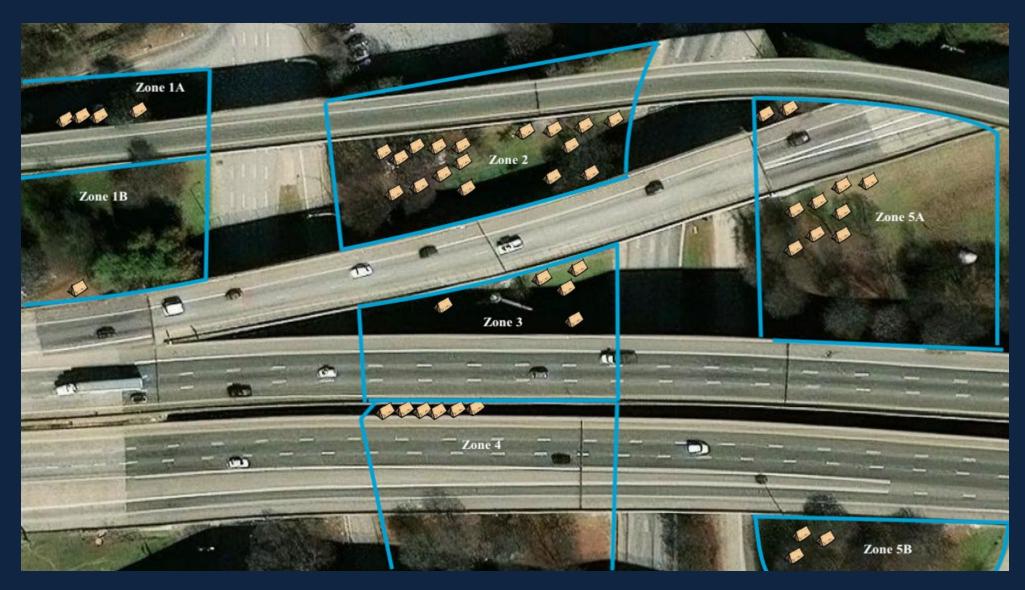
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# **CURRENT OUTREACH PROJECTS**



# PRYOR STREET HABITATION MAP





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Outreach Workgroup Membership & Activities

# **MEMBERSHIP**

# **Outreach Representation**

- Outreach Providers
  - Street Outreach
  - Assessors/Navigators
- Individuals w/ Lived Expertise
- Other CoC/Community Stakeholders

# **ACTIVITIES**

- Membership Growth & Recruitment
- Establishing Subcommittee deliverables

# **MEETING LOGISTICS**

- Meets bi-weekly on Fridays at 12 pm
- Currently virtual
- To join, please email crussell@partnersforhome.org



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**Outreach Subcommittees** 

- Outreach Workgroup Committee Recruitment
- City-wide Outreach Connectivity
- Mobile CE Access Expansion
- Encampment Abatement Planning
- Life Skills and Training (HF and maintaining/wrap-around services/jobs),
- Development and creation of shelter /safe-haven (24/7 low barrier)
- Incarcerated individuals (legal referrals and helping w/ outstanding warrants, etc. - connecting with "re-entry)



# COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM GUIDING VALUES

These are the current values that inform Atlanta's CoC's Coordinated Entry System.

# **STRATEGIC GOAL 1:**

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**Client Centered** 



Trauma Informed



Efficient



**Effective** 



Harm Reduction



Housing First

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# **CURRENT CE ACCESS**

We currently operate a multi-access point model including:

- Telephonic Access
- Mobile Assessors with Street Outreach
- Centralized Access Points
- Youth Specific Access Points

**CE Highlight:** Mobile CE Assessors Team kicked off their first meeting last week to gauge where they can be deployed. Areas of Interest include:

- Shelter Support
- Encampment visit support
- Decommissioning transitions such as town halls & closures
- CE Access Point Pop-Ups

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# **FUTURE ATLANTA'S COC CE SYSTEM**

- Access Expansion
  - Mobile Assessors
  - Telephonic (Atlanta 311)
  - Subpopulation Specific CAPs
    - Youth
    - Families
    - Veterans
    - Chronics
- Vulnerability Assessment Tool Replacement
  - Case Studies Review: January-February 2025

- HMIS Internal Team Expansion
  - Established
  - Hired Data Analyst
  - Adding additional HMIS issue ticket staff
  - Hired CE Manager

- Continued Refinement of CE within HMIS
  - Transfer Process Build-Out
  - Workflow Improvements
  - Case Conferencing Tools



# **STRATEGIC GOAL 2:**

Prevent, rapidly exit and divert families and youth from homelessness

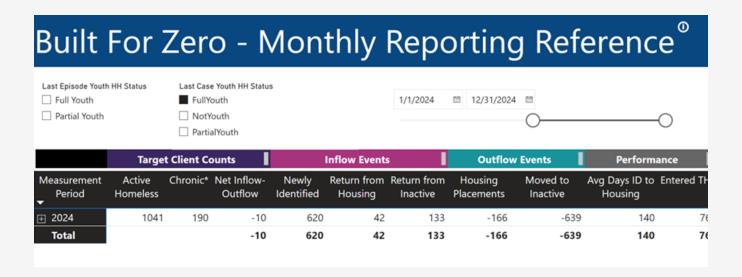
YOUTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

# **2025 GOALS**

- Expand Access to CES
- Increase Diversion Efforts at Youth Access Points
- Improve Communication Between Youth Providers

Current By-Name-List as of 1/6/2025

o 359



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- Increase Diversion Efforts
- Increase Shelter Access

# **FAMILY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE**

- Housing Placements (1/1/2024 12/31/2024)
  - o 274 families
- o Current By-Name-List (1/6/2024) 464
  - o 352 families in CE
  - o 66 in shelter without CE
  - 46 in outreach without CE

# VETERAN UPDATE

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	Vet	teran Cou	nts		Inflow Event	S	Outflov	v Events	$\uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$	
Measurement Period	Active Homeless	Chronic*	Net Inflow- Outflow	Newly Identified	Return from Housing	Return from Inactive	Housing Placements	Moved to Inactive	Avg Days ID to Housing	Entered TH
<b>U 2024</b>			-15	400	40	170	-240	-439	170	201
Jan	379	81	12	48	4	19	-13	-46	120	28
Feb	375	82	-4	44	2	16	-16	-50	132	35
Mar	392	88	18	46	5	13	-21	-25	131	34
Apr	382	83	-10	34	3	18	-35	-30	190	27
May	381	86	-1	37	6	13	-18	-39	196	25
Jun	380	84	-1	47	4	10	-23	-39	141	28
Jul	381	82	1	49	3	16	-20	-47	153	28
Aug	382	83	1	38	3	16	-19	-37	209	16
Sep	372	79	-10	38	4	8	-21	-39	224	18
Oct	358	80	-14	29	3	18	-26	-38	193	21
Nov	343	78	-15	25	8	11	-17	-42	191	14
Dec	351	81	8	33	1	12	-11	-27	223	20
Total			-28	959	87	307	-456	-925	178	484

# JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ATLANTA COC COMMUNITY STANDARDS

A united approach to advancing equity across the Atlanta CoC

# COMPONENTS OF THE ATL. COC JEDI COMMUNITY STANDARDS



# **Standards:**

Includes <u>4</u> Domains:

- 1. Administration
- 2. Staff Training
- 3. Communication
- 4. Service Provision



# **Indicators:**

Activities that demonstrate a standard is being met.



# **Evaluation Tool:**

Assessment/evaluation tool used to determine how closely aligned agencies are to the community standards.



# **EVALUATION TOOL** & PROCESS

- Online Submission System
- We need submissions from at least three staff, like:
  - Someone in executive leadership
  - A manager
  - A staff member working directly with clients

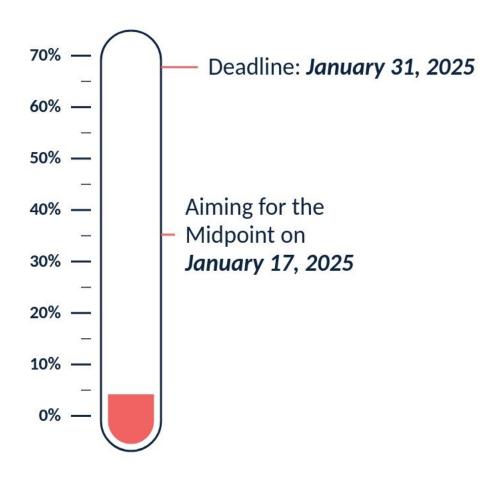
We've received only **11 submissions** so far.

Our CoC is made up of 170+ member agencies
—we need your input to ensure this effort
reflects the needs and perspectives of our
entire community.

**Current Submissions** 

# **JEDI Evaluation Submissions Due Soon...**

# Your Voice is Missing!



# [][] LOOKING AHEAD

- **✓** Completed:
- Kickoff of the CoC Review for JEDI Community Standards
- Established JEDI Standards/Evaluation Office Hours
  - Every Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. (virtual)

# In Progress:

- Evaluation Submissions
  - Deadline: January 31, 2025

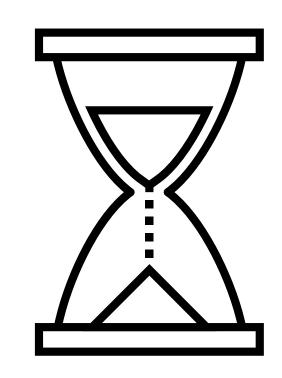
# **Next Steps:**

- Open Call for Cohort Applications
- Selection Process for Cohort Participants

New 2025 GC/Atl.
CoC Bi-Monthly Meeting Feature:

# **CoC Member Spotlight**

- 10-minute presentation on:
  - Agency Overview
  - Services Provided
  - How to Access Services
  - Agency Priorities
  - Agency Gaps
  - Q&A





JAN 9	PIT Night Count <i>Team Leads</i> Training 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.
JAN 13	PIT Night Count <i>Volunteers</i> Training 9:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.
JAN 15	PIT/HIC Training (HMIS Participating Agencies) 9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.
JAN 16	PIT Night Count Training (Team Leads and Volunteers) 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.
JAN 17	Day Site Volunteer Training (Team Leads and Volunteers)  12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.
JAN 23	PIT Night Volunteer Training (Team Leads and Volunteers) 5:30 p.m 7:00 p.m.
08	MORE INFORMATION  Partners for HOME conducts the City of Atlanta's annual Point-in-Time Count during the last 10 days of January in each calendar year. Data collected from the Count is submitted to HUD and used to determine resources needed to end homelessness. To learn more about Partners for HOME, visit www.partnersforhome.org.

# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The City of Atlanta recently made a historic \$60 million commitment to permanent solutions toward addressing homelessness.

### THE MELODY (LAUNCHED 2024)

The Melody is an example of how innovative, collaborative efforts can transform lives and create lasting change. Its success has demonstrated the power of providing permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, fostering stability, community, and hope.

# **BONAVENTURE RIBBON CUTTING (DEC. 3)**

Officially opening permanent supportive housing units that provide stability and dignity to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness.

## **RALPH DAVID HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING (DEC. 18)**

Will soon be welcoming more residents to their new homes and building a future of hope and community.

### WATERWORKS GROUNDBREAKING (DEC. 19)

Launching a transformative development in partnership with Mayor Dickens to expand housing options for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Bonaventure, Ralph David House and Waterworks will provide 179 new units on track to surpass our goal of 500 units by the end of 2025.

### HEAL (HOMELESS EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACCESSIBLE LIVING)

Project HEAL (Homeless Empowerment through Accessible Living) is a collaborative group with the goal of assisting individuals experiencing homelessness pending a hospital discharge who do not meet criteria for skilled nursing care but are too acute for typical emergency shelter or supportive housing. Recognizing the significant need to solve for this gap in our system, PFH and the City have dedicated a portion of the units developed to Project HEAL. The Waterworks site, where 100 units of modular housing will be delivered in Q3 of 2025 will have the first **30 units dedicated to Project HEAL**.

# MEDIA COVERAGE



### The Atlanta Journal-Constitution













# **COMMUNICATIONS TO SHARE**

