

Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council (GC)

March 8, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Tom Andrews	Kim Anderson	Jack Hardin	Rev. Connie Lee
Cathryn Marchman	Kathy Palumbo	Ed Powers	A. J. Robinson
Jenifer Turner-Reid			
Tom Andrews Proxy for Tracey Scott			
Valerie Benard Proxy for Terri Lee			
David Whisnant Proxy for Carmen Chubb			

Members Absent

Joan Garner	Phillip Hunter	Dana Johnson	Monica Johnson
Katrina Mitchell	Joyce Sheperd	Cleta Winslow	

Guests Present

Cicely Garret	Stacy Horn-Koch	David-Lee Mattison	Janice Wallace
Amy Zaremba	Ashlee Starr		

Call to Order, Welcome and Roll-Call, Introduction & Minute Review: Tom Andrews

- The Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council was called to order at 1:17 p.m. with a roll call.
- **A motion to approve the January 19, 2017 Governing Council minutes passed unanimously.**

100 Resilient Cities Presentation: Cicely Garret

Atlanta has recently become the 100th city to join 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), an organization pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to physical, social and economic challenges. Cicely Garret provided an overview of the 100 Resilient Cities organization. Resilience planning is about making a city better in both good and bad times for the benefit of all its residents and visitors, particularly the poor and vulnerable. Efforts are now being launched to help the cities prepare for this. The timeline is very short. Atlanta must identify a list of top priorities by the end of March for use in developing correlating implementation strategies for a fall 2017 implementation. Opportunities to contribute to this effort were outlined and feedback was welcomed.

NOFA Update: Amy Zaremba

HUD rankings for categories from the 2016 NOFA were reviewed. The Atlanta CoC did very well with a total score of 178.75 out of 200, which is 36 points higher than last year. Areas for improvement are Exits to/Retention of PH and Returns to Homelessness. The focus this year will be on performance. Amy was congratulated on a job well done.

The process for reorganizing the current portfolio is continuing and will include guidance from HUD TAs and input from the policy committee. Proposed changes and impacts will be discussed with the HUD Field Office at the end of March. Possible recommendations include the elimination of shared units and a change to tenant-based rental assistance. The Field Office will provide guidance on whether the changes, if accepted, should occur through reallocation during the competition, or in a registration process, before the competition.

Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Update: David-Lee Mattison

David-Lee Mattison, the new CABHI Program Manager, was introduced. The program, funded by a 3-year, \$2.4 million grant, has been operational for 3 weeks and aggressive goals have been set to increase the city's capacity to provide permanent supportive housing, improve health outcomes, provide permanent housing access for chronically homeless population, link to mainstream benefits and provide other recovery oriented services. Fulfillment of these goals will take place through the collaborative efforts of each partner. There are a total of 7 CABHI partners, each with a special contribution:

- Mercy Care – Street Medicine
- Caring Works – Substance Abuse Disorder
- Intown Collaborative Ministries – Case Management & Peer Support
- First Step Staffing and Benefits – Benefits and Employment
- Coldspring Center – Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Training
- Advantage Counseling – Data Collection and Performance Management
- Partners for Home – Grants Management

Strategic Planning Update: Cathryn Marchman

A draft of the Strategic Plan, co-branded with the City of Atlanta, was provided for review highlighting the Vision – *to make homelessness in Atlanta rare and brief*. HUD Technical Assistance and consultants from Corporation for Supportive Housing have reviewed content and provided feedback. Partners for HOME is an integral part of this plan through the focus on system transformation, evidence-based best practices, and collective alignment. The guiding principles to achieve the goals were outlined. Once the overarching five-year plan is finalized, an annual plan will be developed to connect it with specificity to each year's needs. Focus will be on developing a performance driven organization using HUD System Goals. Feedback was requested for input in the final product. Once finalized, the plan will go to the Atlanta City Council for adoption.

Committee Reports:

1. HMIS Committee: Ed Powers

The system administration contract has been finalized. There were some issues identified in the first migration, which are being corrected to complete data transfer.

1. Performance Committee: Amy Zaremba

Working with TAs, the purpose and procedures for this committee will be developed and then members will be recruited. As the CoC and Human Services are aligning more, a representative from that team will be recruited to participate.

2. Veterans Committee: Jenifer Turner-Reid

Following news that the number of homeless vets in Atlanta is still high and needs to be driven down before resubmitting the application to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), efforts are moving forward to reassess the status. Staff will continue conversation with USICH to determine the best next steps to take.

3. Policy Committee: Tom Andrews

As stated in the NOFA update, the committee will meet soon to finalize proposed direction for the 2017 NOFA portfolio.

4. Faith Committee: Ashlee Starr

A forum to discuss how faith communities can collaborate with the CoC will be held at the St. Luke's on March 9, 2017. This has sold out so a good turnout and participation level is expected.

Partners for Home: Cathryn Marchman

- **Board Chair:** Marc Pollack has been appointed as the Chair of the Partners for Home board. His development expertise should prove helpful in adding new housing units.
- Partners for HOME will be moving to new offices at 818 Pollard Boulevard, in the same building as WorkSource Atlanta.

2017 Point-In-Time (PIT): Cathryn Marchman

The tabulation and in-depth analysis of the data from the PIT is still being conducted. Preliminarily, there were 2,259 unsheltered surveys completed in 2017, compared to 1,787 in 2016. This is before any duplicates were removed, however.

Adjournment: Tom Andrews

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.