

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022
Webinar/Zoom**

Members Present: Meaghan Vlkovic, Brad Schweers, Cathryn Vassell, Leslie Marshburn, Ann Brown, Maxwell Ruppensburg, Amelia Nickerson, Dr. Howard Grant, Laura Beggs, Alyssa Cobbs, Natalie Hall, Robert Herrera, Matt Westmoreland, Demetrius Myatt (representative for Natalie Hall)

Guests: Abby Bracewell, Melissa Austin, Linda Pitts, Summer Duperon, Kim Natarajan, Jamie Kimbrough

Welcome, Meaghan Vlkovic

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Meaghan Vlkovic.
- The minutes of the December 7, 2021, meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved.

Client Advisory Council Updates, Darlene Adair

- Darlene Adair, member of the Client Advisory Council, provided an update on the CAC's goals and activities. These goals include improving the customer service delivery system, creating an accountability plan, and increasing CAC membership. If members of the Governing Council know individuals with lived homelessness experience who would be interested in joining the CAC, please ask them to complete a [nomination form](#) and submit it to [Abby Bracewell](#).

System Vitals, Melissa Austin

- Melissa Austin provided information on system performance vital signs. More information can be found on the dashboards on the [Partners for HOME website](#).
- Permanent supportive housing placements are similar to last year at this same time. 39 rapid rehousing placements have been made so far this year. Data regarding permanent supportive housing retention and returns has remained consistent.
- If members would like to join the Performance Committee, please reach out to [Melissa Austin](#).

Housing Updates, Melissa Austin

- Melissa Austin provided updates on the housing surge. Close to 700 households were housed during the previous housing surge work. Partners for HOME partnered with Atlanta Housing to utilize the emergency housing vouchers; 182 have been issued so far. DBHDD issues the Georgia housing voucher; approximately 50 have been issued. 77 individuals have been identified for permanent supportive housing inventory. 13 individuals are eligible for VASH.
- Current targets and move-ins for each voucher are:
 - GHV – target: 95, move-ins: 11
 - EHV – target: 202, move-ins: 42
 - PSH – target: 109, move-ins: 21
- A significant barrier is that landlords are unwilling to accept the vouchers, even with an incentive. Melissa Austin noted that another issue is changes in property management; new owners might not be willing to accept vouchers or do not understand the process. Other barriers include lack of affordable units, client navigation of voucher systems, and speed of voucher port process.
- The diversion strategy was revised in December 2021. There have been 349 successful diverted/rapid exits as of February 28, 2022. Diversion is considered a shallow subsidy paired with services, not an ongoing subsidy.

Coordinated Entry Dashboard, Jamie Kimbrough

- The Coordinated Entry Dashboard is currently in draft form and is not live on the Partners for HOME website. It shows the number of households who are active in coordinated entry and how many are new entries. The dashboard also shows inflow and outflow of households in the system. The dashboard monitors yearly goals related to chronic, veteran, and youth homelessness and will be live in the coming weeks.
- The Coordinated Entry Refinement committee meets once a month to determine the priorities for coordinated entry and make any adjustments that needs to be made. The committee determined that outward facing data was necessary and created the dashboard.
- Please see the presentation for more information regarding the dashboard.

YHDP Update, Kim Natarajan

- The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) was granted to the Atlanta CoC in September of 2021. Atlanta was one of 33 communities who received the award. \$2,25000 will be available for 2-year projects beginning in October 2022.
- Phase 1 is to create a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). Phase 2 is to release RFPs and score applications. The CCP should be completed by mid-April and will be submitted to HUD by mid-May.
- The Youth Action Board (YAB) has led the CCP work along with the YHDP subcommittee. The CoC Youth Subcommittee and other stakeholders have also assisted in creation of the CCP. The approach has been data-driven and incorporates collaborative decision-making and writing process.
- The Council unanimously approved the submission of the Coordinated Community Plan on behalf of the Atlanta CoC.

Governance and Development Update, Summer Duperon

- New at-large members include Meaghan Vlkovic, Amelia Nickerson, Brad Schweers, John Hammond, Leslie Marshburn, and Alyssa Cobbs. New ex-officio members include Deborah Lonon, Ann Brown, and Matt Westmoreland. The mayor's office has received the new list of members for approval, but they have not responded as of March 15.
- Governing Council vacancies include members from the following bodies/areas: City of Atlanta Council, CAC, YAB, a formerly homeless member, an ESG-funded agency, chronic service provider, the faith community, and Atlanta Public Schools. Any recommendations should be sent to [Summer Duperon](#).
- 29 of the 30 submitted applications were funded by HUD. Atlanta CoC award total was over \$10 million (previous award was \$8,429,227). The Georgia State Fiscal Recovery application is pending.

Pipeline Update, Cathryn Vassell

- The goal of 550 units of supportive housing has almost been reached. Some applications are currently under review. Many of the supportive housing units are among mixed income affordable developments.
- Please see slides for more information.

PIT/HIC Update, Cathryn Vassell

- The annual PIT count was held in January of 2022. Partners for HOME is in the final stages of compiling the data which will be submitted to HUD in the next few weeks. The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) compiles the housing inventory for shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Several agencies have not submitted data; Cathryn Vassell asked the Governing Council if members could assist in reaching out to agencies to submit data.

Next meeting is June 21, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00.