

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021
Webinar/Zoom**

Members Present: AJ Robinson, Tom Andrews, Jack Hardin, Laura Beggs, Tonya Curry, Dana Inman, Jenifer Reid, Carol Collard, Natalie Hall

Staff Present: Cathryn Marchman, Jillian Churik, Melissa Austin, Summer Duperon

Welcome, AJ Robinson

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by AJ Robinson.
- The minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved as submitted.

Governance Committee, Jack Hardin

- Governing Council (GC) consists of twenty-one members in total. Charter states terms are three years and members can serve one successive term. After second term, members must step down for one year before becoming eligible for another term.
 - Currently there are at a minimum four at-large vacancies. GC are asked to send the Governance Committee advice and suggestions for filling vacancies. Specific proposals will be brought to next meeting for approval.
- A Client Advisory Council (CAC) has been established and the chair of the CAC will be elected to the GC body to expand representation of lived homelessness experience.

Engagement of Governing Council, AJ Robinson

- There was discussion of how the GC as a body and how its members can be more active and engaged in policy work and/or advocating for policies. The goal in the future will be to further strategic work by tapping in to individual strength of GC members. An acknowledgement was made that due to the number of GC members holding public office, opinions may be provided, but the GC will follow any relevant guidelines and restrictions.
- Mr. Hardin suggested a Public Policy committee be established to lead discussions and draw on diversity of the board.

System Performance Vitals, Melissa Austin

- HMIS team is working to clean up data. This has prompted the discovery of underreporting in housing placements. Please note data presented may be overrepresented or inaccurate due to data clean up.
- Ms. Austin presented data on Q4 PSH and RRH Placements and Retentions>Returns. Please see presentation for details.

Lead Agency Updates, Melissa Austin & Cathryn Marchman

- Ms. Austin presented on the Housing Surge (LIFT and Encampments) work to date. There are three priority populations for housing placements. PfH and its partners have focused this work through eight ongoing activities.
 - Since 10/8/20 a total of 1,207 new Coordinated Entry assessments of unsheltered individuals have been logged in HMIS. 1,520 individuals are active on the housing queue as of 3/8/21. Nine encampments have been closed to date. 648 individuals are in various stages of moving in to permanent housing through the Housing Surge. Diversion work launched in fall of 2020 and is in the process of ramping up.
 - Please see slideshow for details.
- Ms. Marchman presented on the progress of HomeFirst work and sustainability.

- 397 units of PSH have been approved through the Pipeline to date. An additional 123 units are under review and 109 are anticipated or on hold.
- There was discussion on options and movement forward on creating a sustainable revenue source for the CoC.

Vaccine Update, Tom Andrews

- Mercy Care has been distributing the vaccine since January and will be pivoting from testing to vaccinating. Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be used at mass vaccination clinics. Individuals who would like the Moderna can schedule an appointment. The CDC and a HUD TA will be present at vaccination events for education before the vaccine is given and for questions. Staff at vaccine event location will be vaccinated as well.

Next meeting is June 15, 2021, at 1:00 PM