

Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council (GC)

March 21, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Tom Andrews	Carmen Chubb	Jimiyu Evans
Jack Hardin	Phillip Hunter	Dana Johnson Inman
Monica Johnson	Terri Lee	Cathryn Marchman
Katrina Mitchell	Ed Powers	A. J. Robinson
Jenifer Turner-Reid	Paul Vranicar	

Members Absent:

Connie Lee (Rev.)	Mark Pollack	Dan Williams
Cleta Winslow		

Guests/Staff Present:

Deirdre Bolden	Brittany Garner	Melanie Harrell
Zipporah Smith	Ashlee Starr	David-Lee Mattison
Ashley Williams	Amy Zaremba	

Welcome & Call to Order: Tom Andrews

The Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council was called to order at 1:12 p.m. Roll call was taken and new members and visitors were introduced.

Review of Minutes: Tom Andrews

Minutes from the 12/13/17 Governing Council meeting were amended to strike the last sentence beginning *The Steering Committee* on page 3 under first bullet point – HMIS. **The amended 12/13/17 AHCOC meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

Governance: Jack Hardin

- **Terms:** Proposed at-large and ex-officio Governing Council membership was presented for review, noting new ex-officio members, Monica Johnson and Katrina Mitchell, as well as Dan Williams and Jimiyu Evans in individual at-large classes.
- **Rank & Review Committee:** To maintain continuity, it was suggested that the chair of the Rank & Review Committee be included as an ex-officio member of the Governing Council. **The motion to appoint Janet Tharpe, current chair of the Rank & Review Committee, to the Governing Council as an ex-officio member carried unanimously.**
- **Charter Amendment:** The addition of the Rank & Review Committee Chair to the Governing Council will require amendment to the Charter. **The motion to amend the Charter to include Chair of Rank & Review Committee as an ex-officio member was unanimously approved.**
- Natalie Hall will be approached as a replacement for Joan Gardner.
- Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Council member, has withdrawn from the Governing Council. Recommendations for her replacement were discussed.

CoC Update: Cathryn Marchman

- **HomeFirst:** HomeFirst is a partnership between the City of Atlanta acting through Invest Atlanta (IA) and the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness (RCOH) and was created to capitalize on the community's success in reducing homelessness. In February 2017, then-Atlanta mayor Kasim Reed, announced a \$50 million initiative to achieve these goals by investing in proven housing

strategies and supportive services, and made a bold commitment of \$25 million in city funds to match private contributions to the initiative. Developmental progress was reported. The organizational authority of the partnership, its guiding principle to create the right-sized solutions and efforts to strengthen the crisis response system were outlined. HomeFirst aligns with the *ClearPath*, the community's five-year strategic plan, which includes the goal to develop 1000 new placements into supporting housing. A consultant has been engaged to aid in mapping strategies, capital formation and partnership development. Next steps are to realign and leverage resources, create of a performance-driven system by using evidence-based practices for decision making and explore innovative funding approaches for long-term sustainability.

- **Point-In-Time (PIT):** The 2018 PIT was kicked off with Mayor Lance Bottoms and involved almost 300 volunteers. A comprehensive census count replicating and honing methodology from last two years was used. The results are being compiled for distribution when complete.

Committee Reports

- **Youth Committee: Brittany Garner**
- The Atlanta CoC will submit an application to HUD for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP). HUD will select a few communities for the YHDP and if selected, this will help the Atlanta CoC reach the goal of ending youth homelessness by 2020
- **HMIS Committee: Amy Zaremba & Ed Powers**
Extensive training with agencies and case managers to ensure proficiency on the HMIS system is underway.
- **Performance Committee (PSH): Melanie Harrell**
 - A final draft of PSH written standards, which was reviewed by the PSH Committee as well as HUD TA, has been submitted for approval by the Governing Council. **A motion to approve the PSH Written Standards was seconded and carried unanimously.**
 - It was noted that an eviction from a leased property will not automatically terminate the program participant from the PSH program. The provider will assist with obtaining a new rental unit and will continue to provide all needed support services as the participant is transitioning into new housing. However, providers using a master lease for housing units will work with property management to avoid evictions at all costs.
 - Development of PSH performance benchmarks and written standards for emergency shelters are the next planned project. Once the standards are established monitoring of PSH programs will begin.
- **Coordinated Entry and Implementation Committee (CE): Ashlee Starr**
 - The Coordinated Entry and Implementation Committee is working to ensure that the CE process meets HUD Coordinated Entry benchmarks. Shawn Williams, from Caring Works, has been appointed committee chair. The CE policies and procedures were approved in July 2017, and updates, with input from the HUD TA, have been made and will be presented at the next meeting for approval. Managing housing placement data is challenging, but the build-out is expected to resolve some issues such as referrals.

Adjournment: Tom Andrews

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.