



Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Partners for HOME

Mar 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT

@ 458 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Building A Training Room

Attendance

Present:

Members: Kellie Bryson (remote), Julio Carrillo, Natalie Hall, Tracie Harps (remote), Erica Headlee, Robert Herrera, Tracy Jones, Deborah Lonon, Leslie Marshburn, Erika Mitchell (remote), Marc Pollack (remote), Debra Robinson (remote), Maxwell Ruppensburg (remote), Brad Schweers, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic, Cathryn Vassell

Guests: Melissa Austin, Abby Bracewell, Joyce Buehner, Jasmine Rockwell Heard, Amanda Leppert-Gomes (remote)

I. December 9, 2022 Minute Approval - Meaghan Vlkovic

The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

 [Atlanta CoC GC Mtg Minutes 12_09_22 FINAL.docx](#)

II. Youth Provider Panel - YESS and Hope Thru Soap

Joyce Buehner from [YESS](#) (Youth Empowerment Success Services) and Amanda Leppert-Gomes from [Hope thru Soap](#) presented on their respective agencies' work through the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP). YESS provides transitional housing and rapid rehousing for youth ages 18 - 24. Hope thru Soap provides a youth empowerment program, youth outreach, and navigation.

III. Point-in-Time Count Update - Cathryn Vassell

The preliminary results of the 2023 Point-in-Time Count were presented to the Governing Council. The data is still not public, and any information related to the data should remain confidential until its official release.

The biggest takeaways include a 70% increase in emergency shelter totals, a 15% increase in the unsheltered population, and a 6% decrease in transitional housing totals.

The housing inventory count (HIC) has not yet been finalized. 98% of expected projects have been submitted.

 [2023 PIT Data.pptx](#)

IV. Strategic Planning Update - Meaghan Vlkovic and Cathryn Vassell

The strategic planning committee has had two meetings since February, and two more are scheduled for April and May. Partners for HOME hosted three stakeholder listening sessions in mid-March for business leaders and elected officials, philanthropic leaders and public agencies, and landlords and housing leaders. Other listening sessions for NPU leaders, the faith community, and the general public are being scheduled

A key point that has emerged as a result of these meetings is the need to reframe the narrative around homelessness in Atlanta.

Once the committee has conducted system analysis and gathered information from listening sessions, a finalized strategic plan will be brought to the Governing Council for approval and adoption.

V. System Vitals - Jasmine Rockwell Heard

Jasmine Rockwell Heard provided a system performance vital signs overview. Highlights include:

- 223 permanent supportive housing placements in 2022.
- 356 rapid rehousing placements in 2022.
- 24% of permanent supportive housing clients (50) returned to homelessness after two years out of 209 total exits.

 [System Vitals.pptx](#)

VI. Committee Updates

During the Governing Council orientation in January of 2023, four committees were established, and action items were established by each committee. The four committees are Governance, Policy, Performance, and Rank and Review.

Each committee provided an update of their action items and revised timelines. See the packet for more details.

 [GC Committee Presentation.pptx](#)

 [CoC Committee Action Plans 1-29-23.docx](#)

VII. Advancement Update - Cathryn Vassell

The fundraising goal for LIFT 2.0 is \$33.6 million, of which \$31.2 has been raised, leaving a \$2.4 million gap. Partners for HOME has asks out with the City of Atlanta, Cox, and Fraser-Parker.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency has donated containers previously used for mobile ICUs.

The City of Atlanta is working with Partners for HOME on a land acquisition to house the containers and refurbish them as interim housing. A funding ask has been sent to the Atlanta Committee for Progress to fund this project.

HUD has released the CoC awards list, awarding \$2.8 billion to communities nationwide. Projects with the Atlanta CoC received a total of over \$10 million, including CaringWorks, PADV, and PCCI.

 [Advancement Update.pdf](#)