

Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council (GC)

June 8, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Carmen Chubb	Philip Hunter	Monica Johnson	Rev. Connie Lee
Terri Lee	Cathryn Marchman	Katrina Mitchell	Kathy Palumbo
Marc Pollack	Ed Powers	A. J. Robinson	Tracey Scott
Paul Vranicar			

Members Absent

Tom Andrews	Kim Anderson	Jack Hardin	Dana Johnson
Joyce Sheperd	Jenifer Turner-Reid		

Guests Present

Bithia Rathasamy	Desta Taylor	Amy Zaremba	Janice Wallace
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Call to Order, Welcome and Roll-Call, Introduction & Minute Review: Tracey Scott

- The Atlanta Continuum of Care Governing Council was called to order at 1:10 p.m. with introductions and a roll call.
- **A motion to approve the March 8, 2017 Governing Council minutes was made by Ed Powers and passed unanimously.**


Governance Update: Ed Powers

- **AHA Rep:** Subsequent to Tracey Scott's resignation, Paul Vranicar was named the new Atlanta Housing Authority representative on the AHCoC.
- **Provider Rep:** Since Kim Anderson is retiring from Families First, her replacement on the Governing Council must be appointed by the governing board. The CoC membership will be asked to make nominations, which will then be presented to the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Council. That Committee will make a recommendation to the full Council to vote on. If approved, the Mayor will affirm and then the full CoC membership will ratify.
- **Rank & Review:** Tracey Scott's roles within the AHCoC will need to be filled: 1. Vice Chair of the Governing Council; 2. Chair of the Rank & Review Committee. Replacements do not need to come from within the board; however, a certain level of knowledge of the process and goals as well as an understanding of the required time commitment will be important for the success of these positions. The Governance Committee will convene make a recommendation to the full Council for a vote.
- A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Joan Garner. Her passing has created another vacancy that will need to be addressed.

Policy & Procedure Approvals: Cathryn Marchman

- **RRH Standards:** An overview of Rapid Rehousing Standards was provided. Intended as basic minimum standards, they were developed for use with all projects that receive Atlanta Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Rapid RE-Housing (RRH) funding. RRH is housing created for the purpose of providing a permanent housing situation with a housing first philosophy through creative solutions to strengthen infrastructure with additional housing units. Target population and prioritization will be standardized when determining families or single persons that are most likely to achieve and maintain stable housing. **A motion was made by Carmen Chubb to approve the Rapid Rehousing**

Written Standards as presented. The motion was seconded by Kathy Palumbo and carried unanimously.

- **Atlanta Homeless Continuum of Care Standards for Coordinated Entry:** The Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures were developed to ensure that people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness are matched with the right interventions in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Accordingly, the AHCoC's coordinated entry process is designed to help homeless individuals and families access services and housing resources no matter where or how they present and includes a uniform and standard assessment process (VI-SPDAT) that assigns a vulnerability score used to determine prioritization for supporting housing. Homeless individuals and families have access to Coordinated Entry through multiple access points. An overview of allocations made with HUD dollars was provided which includes \$120K for coordinated access at Gateway and \$20K for interim bridge beds. \$25K was received from Georgia Power, which was used for navigator vehicles. and the upcoming SAMHSA Grant for Street Medicine. Discussion will be initiated with Kristen Wilson about FY18 funding. **The motion made by A.J. Robinson and seconded by Paul Vranicar to approve the AHCoC Standards for Coordinated Entry, including a new Youth-Specific Evidence-Based Assessment tool developed by the Youth Committee, carried unanimously.** 

Through Tracey Scott's leadership, a plan was developed and is being operationalized to ensure all new contracts are entered through coordinated entry. Kudos to Tracey for her tireless support of the CoC.

NOFA Update: Amy Zaremba

- **Portfolio Reorganization:** After meeting with HUD, the decision to move forward with the elimination of shared units and to phase into the tenant-based rental assistance was made. These changes will cause a reduction of approximately 39 beds in the CoC portfolio. If the local and national HUD offices approve this change without going through the reallocation process, work with agencies to develop a transition plan will begin. If not, the process will be done in the NOFA competition, through reallocation, which will delay the transition.
- **Next Steps:** The NOFA registration is complete and work with the HUD TAs to strengthen and streamline review process is in progress. We solicited and received feedback from funded agencies on last year's process. Once HUD releases the NOFA, meetings will be scheduled with relevant committees to begin the local process. The date of the release is unknown, but has been expected since mid-May.

SAMHSA CABHI Grant Update: Amy Zaremba

CABHI's primary goal is to ensure that the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness receive access to housing, treatment, and recovery support services. These people often include veterans, families, and youth. After several delays with the contracting process, the project is beginning to ramp up. To date, 40 people have been enrolled in CABHI and two have been placed in Permanent Supportive Housing.

Committee Reports:

- **Youth Committee: Tracey Scott**
As reported, the Committee has developed an evidence-based Youth Assessment tool for use in coordinated entry. Work to develop an action plan in concert with the strategic plan is planned.
- **HMIS Committee: Ed Powers**
Although there have been significant issues and delays, migration continues with very a high level of cooperation between agencies.
- **Performance Committee: Amy Zaremba**
Work with HUD TA to develop the role of the Committee will be scheduled. Additionally, feedback from CoC membership regarding committee interest is being solicited.

- **Faith Committee: Cathryn Marchman**

The forum held on March 9th to discuss potential collaboration of faith communities was successful. Plans are to schedule more meetings with a primary goal to engage new membership and coordinated efforts in the community.

Partners for Home (PFH): Cathryn Marchman

- **Strategic Plan Update:** ClearPath, PFH's strategic plan, has been approved and it will be presented at public hearing on June 12; to the Community Development/Human Services Committee of City Council on June 13; and to the full City Council for vote on June 19. The guiding principles to achieve the goals of ClearPath are: 1) End Veteran Homelessness by 2017; 2) End Chronic Homelessness by 2019; 3) End Youth Homelessness by 2020; and 4) End Family Homelessness by 2020. The importance of promoting Partners for Home's mission to make homelessness in Atlanta rare, brief, and non-recurring was stressed.
- **Other Updates:** Work with a firm to create a PR blueprint has begun and includes bridging into other strategies already in place (e.g., Mayoral Forum on Homelessness). Meetings are being scheduled with council members and mayoral candidates to educate on homelessness issues and how PFH's new approach will ensure progress in reaching the Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness: Opening Doors.

2017 Point-In-Time (PIT): Desta Taylor

Data from the 2017 PIT revealed a total of 3,572 homeless individuals representing a 17% decrease since 2015. The final PIT Report is being drafted.

Adjournment: Tracey Scott

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