

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2019  
Central Atlanta Progress  
85 Walton Street NW**

Members Present: Tom Andrews, Laura Beggs, Carol Collard, Jimiyu Evans, Howard Grant, Natalie Hall (phone), Jack Hardin, Phillip Hunter, Monica Johnson (phone), Connie Lee, Edward Powers, AJ Robinson, Jenifer Turner-Reid (phone)

Staff Present: Cathryn Marchman, Amy Zaremba, Jillian Hart

Guests Present: Meredith Dixon

**Welcome, AJ Robinson**

- The meeting was called to order by AJ Robinson.
- Non-voting items addressed first as a quorum was not initially present.

**System Performance, Cathryn Marchman**

- A slide deck was provided detailing system performance vital signs by Cathryn Marchman.
  - Data quality is currently being evaluated and addressed.
- A dashboard was provided of First Quarter 2019 PSH Performance by Ms. Marchman.
  - Reports presented: Average Returns to Homelessness, Average Length of Stay, and Retention and Exit Destination.
- A question was asked if the “return to homelessness” included individuals who seek other housing outside of system.
  - Ms. Zaremba replied that it does not. The count includes individual who show back up in system as homeless, and not those who are stably housed elsewhere.
- Please note that the Performance Committee will be setting a threshold for the percentage of “returns to homeless,” which will apply to all organizations.
  - Please note data presented refers to those agencies funded by CoC. Organization names are now listed for transparency and accountability. This information will be available on the website after data quality review.
  - There was a discussion about clarity of data and how it will be presented on the website.
- Ms. Marchman confirmed that there is a discussion concerning how to visually display data that is easier to understand and better shows trends and performance over time.

**Meeting Minutes**

- With a quorum present, the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting and the May 23, 2019 specially called meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved as submitted.

**New Business, Amy Zaremba**

- Program models were presented by Amy Zaremba for approval.
  - There was a discussion over the differences between the Diversion and the Prevention Program Models. Ms. Marchman confirmed the difference is whether a family is currently homeless or if they are at risk for homelessness. Diversion is for families whose case can be resolved quickly without entering the system through a VI-SPDAT assessment.
    - Please note in the future all families and individuals who arrive at Coordinated Access Point will go through Diversion Assessment before continuing forward with Coordinated Entry.

- A suggestion was made to add qualifiers for diversion to make the distinction between the two more clear.
- A question was asked about who is currently funding Diversion.
  - Ms. Marchman replied that no one is currently funding.
- After discussion and review, all program models as presented.
- Policy updates were presented by Amy Zaremba for approval (see slide deck for reference).
  - Case conferencing policy update was approved by the GC as submitted.
  - Coordinated Entry Transfers policy update was approved by the GC as submitted.
  - Non- Assessed Priority List policy update was approved by the GC as submitted.

### **Lead Agency Business, Meredith Dixon and Cathryn Marchman**

- 2019 Point in Time Count Presentation/Update (see slide deck for reference).
  - There was a discussion about approving the PIT count for public release at the May 23, 2019 specially called meeting. A suggestion was made by Mr. Robinson that the numbers should be released through a local news source instead or before a national news source. Mr. Marchman is following up with Mayor's Office concerning the release of the numbers.
  - Ms. Dixon presented the basic PIT Count present in the report previously distributed as well as an in-depth analysis and breakdown of the "unsheltered" homeless population counted.
    - It was suggested the "total" comparisons should extend farther back than 2015 since there is data from as early as 2009 available.
    - The PIT count report was approved for release at the specially called May 23, 2019 meeting.
- An update on HomeFirst was given by Ms. Marchman.
  - Please note that five applications for the PSH Pipeline have been received to date. Three of these applications have been approved, with the others in process.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Pre-Meeting Call September 6, 2019 @ 10am**

**Governing Council Meeting September 17, 2019 @ 1pm**