

Atlanta CoC Governing Council
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2022
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present: Brad Schweers, Robert Herrera, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic (via Zoom), Laura Beggs (via Zoom), Letitia Robinson (representative for Maxwell Ruppensburg, via Zoom), Marc Pollack (via Zoom), Howard Grant (via Zoom), Demetrius Myatt (representative for Natalie Hall, via Zoom), Tonya Curry (via Zoom)

Guests: Cathryn Vassell, Summer Duperon, Jamie Kimbrough, Kim Natarajan, Melissa Austin, Jasmine Rockwell Heard, Abby Bracewell, Santanna Terry (via Zoom), RaCaria Burgess (via Zoom), Linda Pitts (via Zoom), Tracie Harps (via Zoom)

Welcome, Meaghan Vlkovic

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Meaghan Vlkovic.
- The minutes of the March 15, 2022, meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved.

YHDP Award List Vote, Robert Herrera

- The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) committee consisted of members of the Youth Action Board (YAB), youth providers, and Partners for HOME staff. Once YHDP applications were received, the committee scored them and proposed to award the following providers contracts:
 - Hope Thru Soap - \$253,000 for outreach and navigation (two-year grant to serve 120 households)
 - Hope Thru Soap - \$181,500 for empowerment advocate (two-year grant to serve 60 households)
 - PCCI and YESS - \$1,857,867.62 for joint transitional housing and rapid rehousing (two-year grant to serve 60 households)
- The council unanimously approved the award list as presented.

Governance Update, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic

- The Governing Council has some vacancies to fill on the Governance Committee. The committee will review and update the charter and nominate vacancies. Other potential avenues of work include working with a consultant to identify a peer CoC to exchange ideas and solutions. Anyone interested in joining the committee should email [Summer Duperon](#).
- Two new members were proposed: RaCaria Burgess from the Youth Action Board and Tracie Harps from the Client Advisory Council. Both bring lived expertise to the Governing Council and will be voting ex-officio members.
- The council unanimously approved two new members.

Coordinated Entry Policy Update, Jamie Kimbrough

- Prioritization for rapid rehousing units and subsidy provided through the LIFT 2.0 project will be for unsheltered, highly vulnerable homeless households. Examples of highly vulnerable households may include those where the head of household is chronically homeless, has a disabling condition, is over the age of 62, families with children, and those with high VI-SPDAT scores.
- For chronically homeless individuals referred to RRH as a bridge to permanent supportive housing, as PSH units become available, the previous coordinated entry prioritization will remain.
- Non-chronically homeless unsheltered households who require ongoing assistance beyond the term of rapid rehousing should be assisted by rapid rehousing case management to identify appropriate

supports including vouchers, senior living facilities, personal care homes, nursing homes and ongoing services that fit their needs.

- The council unanimously approved the updated coordinated entry policy as presented.

Communications Update, Summer Duperon

- In the fall of 2021, Partners for HOME engaged with Leadership Atlanta to work on updating messaging and branding. Leadership Atlanta provided a presentation and communications plan to the Partners for HOME board in the spring of 2022.
- Partners for HOME has received a \$25,000 grant from Housing Narratives Lab, and Summer Duperon is participating in their monthly fellowship program. A portion of this grant will be used to elevate the voices of people experiencing homelessness.

System Vitals/Data Quality, Jasmine Rockwell Heard

- Jasmine Rockwell Heard presented on the Atlanta CoC's system vitals including housing placements, housing retention, and returns to homelessness. Please see slides for details.
- The council discussed data quality within the Atlanta CoC. Data quality submissions have been low, and data quality is lacking. Potential solutions to improve data quality include requiring data quality training, requiring data quality submissions for NOFO scoring and contract expectations, and placing non-compliant organizations on a data quality improvement plan. It was suggested the Governing Council members reach out to leadership of organizations who are struggling with data quality submissions to determine specific pain points and solutions.

LIFT 2.0 Update, Cathryn Vassell

- Cathryn Vassell provided updates on the permanent supportive housing pipeline, the current status of the LIFT 1.0 and 2.0 campaign, data from the Point-in-Time count, and plans for future work.
- Future endeavors include creating a coordinated unsheltered homeless plan, launching LIFT 2.0, and revisiting the CoC's strategic plan. Please see slides for additional details.

The next Governing Council meeting will be held on September 20th from 2:00 to 4:00.