



Atlanta CoC Governing Council Meeting

Minutes

Partners for HOME

Jun 27, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

@ 130 Trinity Ave. Southwest, Atlanta, GA 30303

Attendance

Present:

Members: LaTarsha Holden, Wali Muhammed, Kellie Bryson (remote), Jason Dozier, Natalie Hall (remote), Tracie Harps, Erica Headlee, Tracy Jones, Leslie Marshburn, Erika Mitchell, Amelia Nickerson, Debra Robinson (remote), Maxwell Ruppensburg (remote), Brad Schweers, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic (remote), Sam Shenbaga (remote), Sean Smith (remote), Cathryn Vassell, Matt Westmoreland

Guests/Staff: Abby Bracewell, Summer Duperon (remote), Sara Pagni (remote)

I. Welcome - Meaghan Vlkovic

II. Minute Approval - Meaghan Vlkovic

The minutes from the March 28 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

 [Atlanta CoC GC Mtg Minutes 03 28 23 FINAL.docx](#)

III. CoC 101 Primer - Sara Pagni

Sara Pagni from ICF provided an overview of what makes a good continuum of care (CoC) and reviewed governance responsibilities, structure, and strengths. There was discussions around how CoCs evaluate collaborative applicants and HMIS leads.

Please see the packet for additional details.

 [CoC Responsibilities and Governance PPT Atlanta CoC 4 slides per page.pdf](#)

IV. Governance Update - Meaghan Vlkovic

The Client Advisory Council (CAC) has elected a new chair, LaTarsha Holden. Ms. Holden will be replacing Tracie Harps as the CAC representative on the Governing Council. Wali Muhammed was elected as vice-chair of the CAC and will attend Governing Council meetings in Ms. Holden's absence.

A. Committee Review

Erica Headlee provided an update for the performance committee. The committee has previously discusses key vital areas to measure as well as capacity for assessment, outreach, and navigation. The Governing Council discussed the Stella M tool that is being used to calculate costs of implementing solutions in the CoC.

 [Performance Committee.undefined](#)

B. Charter Review

Governing Council members conducted a review of the CoC charter. Key discussion points included:

- Distinguishing between voting and non-voting members.
- Streamlining Governing Council and CoC meetings and potentially combining them for more transparency.
- Defining how many of each Governing Council seats should be represented by each stakeholder group.
- Adding the HMIS lead agency to the Governing Council.
- Including MOU language in charter sections.

Once the final charter review is complete, the draft will be sent to Jack Hardin for review. The finalized charter will then go to the Governing Council for approval and ratification.

V. Strategic Planning Update - Cathryn Vassell & Meaghan Vlkovic

The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting to review the process of creating the new strategic plan. Components of the planning process have included:

- System performance analysis
- Client experience assessment and surveys
- Housing market analysis
- Community listening sessions

The framework is built on five key principles:

- Building an anti-racist service delivery culture
- Amplifying the workforce to reflect those with lived experience
- Maximizing investments to create solutions for every unhoused person
- Preventing or diverting people from homelessness as a first response
- Targeting service delivery to reduce duration of homelessness

The four goals of the plan include:

- Eliminating unsheltered homelessness
- Ensuring families and youth avoid homelessness
- Ensuring no veteran is without housing and services
- Ensuring people succeed in housing and do not return to homelessness

 [Strategic Planning.pptx](#)

VI. Youth Action Board Update - Kellie Bryson

The Youth Action Board (YAB) went to the Point Source Youth Conference in the spring and will attend the True Colors Summit in the coming months. They are currently looking for a new chairperson as Kellie Bryson is set to roll off soon. The YAB's focus group initiative is on pause due to funding constraints.

VII. Client Advisory Council Update - Tracie Harps

The Client Advisory Council has been conducting surveys with individuals staying in shelter at Gateway Center, Salvation Army, Evolution Center, and Zaban Paradies Center. They have interviewed over 300 individuals and collected data on shelter stays and services that clients have received. The data and feedback will be used as part of the strategic planning process.