



Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Partners for Home

Sep 20, 2022 at 2:00 PM EDT

@ 818 Pollard Boulevard SW, Third Floor, Atlanta, GA 30315

Attendance

Members Present:

Leslie Marshburn, Amelia Nickerson, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic, Cathryn Vassell

Members Present (Remote):

Laura Beggs, Ann Brown, Howard Grant, Natalie Hall, Robert Herrera, Marc Pollack, Brad Schweers

Guests Present (Remote):

Demetrius Myatt

I. Welcome - Meaghan Vlkovic

- Attendees & Roll Call
- Approval of June Meeting Minutes

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Motion:

Minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Strategic Planning Update - Cathryn Vassell

- The CoC is in the final stage of the five-year strategic plan, ClearPath. Partners for HOME is engaging Mandy Chapman Semple and Heather Muller of Clutch Consulting to help with strategic planning process.
- Chris Womack, the CEO of Georgia Power, has agreed to co-chair the strategic planning committee. Partners for HOME is working with Atlanta Committee for Progress (ACP) and McKinsey to convene the rest of the committee. Members of the Governing Council are encouraged to join the planning committee and assist with the key subject area meetings (veterans, families, youth, and chronically homeless populations).
- The strategic plan likely won't change much from the first plan. The goal is to double down on existing strategies that have worked already. The final plan will come to the Governing Council for final approval sometime in the first quarter of 2023.

III. New Member Discussion – Meaghan Vlkovic

- Faith-based, council, school board, and foundation slots are all open.
 - Meaghan Vlkovic, Howard Grant, Robert Herrera, Natalie Hall, and Summer Duperon are on the Governance Committee.
- New potential members will be contacted by the governance committee and new members will be voted on by the council.

IV. Panel RFP - Melissa Austin

- Partners for HOME is looking to expand capacity to get more providers. Areas that are eligible for funding include: outreach and navigation, outreach and navigation to rapid rehousing, rapid rehousing case management, rental assistance intermediary, unit acquisition, rapid rehousing (case management, unit acquisition, and rental assistance), voucher application and navigation, and diversion and rapid exit.

V. LIFT 2.0 Updates - Melissa Austin

- LIFT 2.0's goal is to house 1500 people over the next 1-2 years. Partners for HOME has created a coordinated plan with the Mayor's office to focus on the unsheltered population and encampments.
- Five outreach teams are engaging clients to either go to a hotel or directly into housing. The city has been divided into 5 sections with outreach teams each taking a section.
- There are 108 rooms at one hotel with a hotel operator.
- Unit acquisition is occurring through Open Doors.
- There are weekly team lead meetings to ensure that there is leadership buy-in and ongoing work with case management along with rapid rehousing training.
- Encampments have been compassionately closed over the last few weeks with additional closures set for the rest of the year. If someone declines services, outreach teams will continue to engage with them.
- Next steps include hotel navigation, unit acquisition, and October encampment closures.
- LIFT 1.0 Status – Melissa Austin
 - Melissa Austin provided an update on LIFT 1.0 moves from rapid rehousing to permanent solutions.
 - The primary issue is securing units that accept the subsidies (GHV, EHV, and VASH).
 - Returns to homelessness for LIFT 1.0 are at 3%.

- The LIFT 1.0 work is happening concurrently with LIFT 2.0.

VI. System Vitals - Jasmine Rockwell Heard

- Jasmine Rockwell Heard presented on system vitals. Please see slides for details.
- Housing Placements
 - There has been a steady decline in permanent supportive housing exits with 200 exits so far this year.
 - There have been 153 rapid rehousing move-ins for this year. The majority of these placements are SSVF. The overall number is less than this time last year because of the housing surge.
- Housing Retention
 - 97% of individuals have retained permanent supportive housing or exited to a permanent housing solution in the first quarter.
- The data quality plan will hopefully help data get better over time.

VII. Coordinated Entry Updates - Jamie Kimbrough

- The coordinated entry dashboard has been published on the [Partners for HOME website](#). Partners for HOME is using it to make data-driven decisions for the system. It monitors inflow, outflow, exit destinations, demographics and time to exit.
- The dashboard provides information to make decisions about ways we can increase diversion referrals. Diversion specialists are going out with outreach teams to help people exit homelessness quickly.

VIII. Youth Action Board Updates – Annie Hyrila

- YHDP Progress and Next Steps
 - YESS is contracted for transitional housing/rapid rehousing and housing case management and support services
 - Hope Thru Soap is contracted for outreach, navigation, and empowerment advocacy
 - Project and grant agreements have been issued
 - Environmental reviews for joint TH/RRH are occurring with the City of Atlanta.
 - All funded agencies will be trained on new YHDP project types.
 - Projects will launch October 1, 2022.
 - The Continuous Quality Improvement Plan will begin taking shape in December 2022

IX. OnBoard Overview - Abby Bracewell

- Abby Bracewell provided an overview of the new board portal, OnBoard. Governing Council members will have access to existing and previous Council documents, and future agendas and packets will be disseminated through the portal.