

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2021  
Webinar/Zoom**

Members Present: Jenifer Turner-Reid, Maxwell Ruppensburg, Carol Collard, Meaghan Vlkoic, Brad Schweers, Leslie Marshburn, Amelia Nickerson, Howard Grant, Jimiyu Evans, Dana Inman, Robert Herrera, Demetrius Myatt (representative for Natalie Hall)

Guests Present: Abby Bracewell, Melissa Austin, Linda Pitts, Jasmine Rockwell, Cayla Roby, Kim Natarajan

**Welcome, Meaghan Vlkoic**

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Meaghan Vlkoic.
- The minutes of the September 21, 2021, meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved.

**Governance Update, Summer Duperon**

- The Atlanta CoC put forth recommendations for new members for the Governing Council. Partners for HOME worked with the Governance Committee to review the nominations and select new members. New at-large members include Alyssa Cobbs, John Hammond, Robert Herrera, Leslie Marshburn, Amelia Nickerson, Brad Schweers, and Meaghan Vlkoic.
- Carol Collard and Philip Hunter are rolling off this year. Philip Hunter's position will be replaced by a member of the Client Advisory Council. Other 2022 vacancies include representatives from an ESG-funded agency, the Youth Action Board (YAB), Atlanta Public Schools, and a faith-based organization.
- Current ex-officio members include Natalyn Archibong, Laura Beggs, Deborah Lenon, Tonya Curry, Howard Grant, Natalie Hall, Maxwell Ruppensburg, Jenifer Turner-Reid, Clea Winslow, Cathryn Marchman (non-voting), and Marc Pollack (non-voting).
- The Governance Committee needs a chair. This volunteer position works with the committee to nominate and fill vacancies and ensure adherence to governance documents (i.e., charters and bylaws). Anyone interested in being chair should reach out to Summer Duperon or Cathryn Marchman.

**System Vitals, Jasmine Rockwell**

- There were 196 permanent supportive housing (PSH) placements made from January – October of 2021. 724 households were placed in rapid rehousing in the same timeframe.
- The percentage of individuals who either retained PSH or exited to a permanent housing solution in the third quarter was 96% for 6 months, 96% for 12 months, and 97% for 24 months.
- The percentage of individuals who exited PSH and returned to homelessness during a 2-year lookback during the third quarter was 5% for less than 6 months, 0% for 6-12 months, and 5% for 13-24 months.
- Please see slides for details and more information.

**LIFT and Strategic Plan Update, Melissa Austin**

- LIFT Update
  - 202 emergency housing vouchers have been allotted for chronic, highly vulnerable, and youth homeless individuals; 127 have been issued.
  - 121 Georgia housing vouchers have been identified and Step Up on Second and Grady have been assisting with the application process.
  - The unit acquisition strategy consists of acquiring 300 units with Open Doors through the use of hold fees. The plan is to lease up by January 31, 2022.

- A diversion RFP was released to add capacity. Four new providers (AVLF, First Step Staffing, Zaban Paradies, and Gateway) will function as a diversion team. CRF funds are currently being used through December, 2021 for a diversion blitz.
- Strategic Plan Update
  - The Atlanta CoC held strategic planning sessions in September to adjust timelines for ending chronic, and youth homelessness, and to refine the Veteran rehousing system. It was requested that the goals be extended to the end of 2022,
  - The following proposal was put to the Governing Council for a vote:
    - For chronic homelessness: Build a system that has the capacity to house all those who are currently chronically homeless and ensure capacity to house all those in need of a housing resource within 90 days by the end of 2022.
    - For veteran homelessness: Refine the veteran rehousing system to ensure it has the capacity to identify and house or divert any veteran who experiences homelessness within 90 days by the end of 2022.
    - For youth homelessness: Build a youth rehousing system that has the capacity to identify and house or diver all youth who become literally homeless within 90 days by the end of 2022.
    - The Governing Council unanimously approved the revised goals and timelines.

#### **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), Melissa Austin**

- The Atlanta CoC was one of 33 communities awarded YHDP funds from HUD. The CoC will receive \$2.25 million over the next two years after which that amount will be folded into the annual renewal demand.
- YHDP is meant to support communities in the development and implementation of a coordinating community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.
- Please see slides for additional information and YHDP timeline.

#### **Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, Ashlee Starr**

- The 2022 PIT count will take place the night of January 24<sup>th</sup> and the week following. This will be a good opportunity to compare pre-COVID numbers with where we are now.
- There will be 30 teams consisting of a team lead, five volunteers, and an officer. The HMIS admin has developed an app that will be used to collect data which will then be consolidated and disseminated to the CoC.

#### **Triage Tool Presentation, Maxwell Ruppensburg**

- Before COVID, work began with the Atlanta CoC and various stakeholders (DCA, DBHDD, etc.) to discuss big-picture strategy surrounding system-wide improvements. Many of those conversations centered around the ability for different systems to communicate better and to think about what a unified assessment tool would look like.
- This proposed triage tool would consider multiple factors across systems and would connect a wide variety of organizations and sectors.
- Please see slides for more information and details.

**Next meeting is March 15, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00.**