



# Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Partners for Home

Dec 9, 2022 at 12:00 PM EST

@ 55 Trinity Ave SW., Committee Room 2

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Robert Herrera (remote), Brad Schweers (remote), Howard Grant (remote), Natalie Hall (remote), Amelia Nickerson, Racaria Burgess (remote), Leslie Marshburn, Cathryn Vassell, Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic, Matt Westmoreland

Guests: Abby Bracewell, Marcus Green (remote), Jasmine Rockwell Heard, Annie Hyrila, Demetrius Myatt (remote), Summer Duperon (remote), Jamie Kimbrough

- I. Welcome (Presenters: Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic)
  - A. Attendees and Roll Call (Presenters: Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic)
  - B. Approval of September Minutes (Presenters: Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic)

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### **Motion:**

Minute Approval

Minutes were unanimously approved.

- II. Governance Update (Presenters: Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic)
  - The CoC Governance Committee is looking to revise the charter and nominate new members.
  - The potential new members are Jason Dozier (Atlanta City Council), Erika Mitchell (Atlanta Public Schools), Julio Carrillo (HOPE Atlanta), Debra Robinson (Amerigroup), Sean Smith (New Horizon Baptist Church), Sam Shenbaga (Atlanta Regional Commission), and Erica Headlee (Home Depot).
  - Tonya Curry and Racaria Burgess's vacancies will need to be filled.
  - There will be a Governing Council orientation on January 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. New and existing members are invited to join.

### **Motion:**

Motion to approve new members

Motion was unanimously approved.

III. System Vitals (Guests: Jasmine Rockwell Heard)

 [System Vitals Q3 July Sept 2022.pptx](#)

- There have been 214 permanent supportive housing placements to date in 2022.
- There have been 288 rapid rehousing placements to date in 2022.
- Please see the packet for additional details.

IV. LIFT 2.0 Update (Presenters: Cathryn Vassell)

 [Lift 2.0 December 2022.pptx](#)

- LIFT 2.0's goal is to stably house 1500 households by the end of 2024.
- Activities include outreach, unit acquisition, hotel operation (bridge housing), rental assistance, and rapid rehousing case management.
- Aniz, Gateway, HOPE Atlanta, Intown Collaborative Ministries, and Step Up are the contracted partners for LIFT 2.0, but Partners for HOME is looking to expand capacity to bring on more providers.
- Partners for HOME, in partnership with the Mayor's office, has been focusing on compassionately closing encampments and moving individuals into the hotel or directly into housing. Partner for HOME has created standard operating procedures for reporting and closing encampments. Six encampments have been closed to date with additional encampments set to close by the end of the year.
- Next steps include housing navigation for those in the hotel, unit acquisition, encampment closures, and expanding outreach to RRH capacity through the Panel RFP.

V. Strategic Planning Update (Presenters: Cathryn Vassell)

- The goal of strategic planning is to reinforce continuous action planning with the community, engage with targeted stakeholders (public housing partners, DBHDD, DFCS, etc.), engage the community to listen and collect input, and identify a funding plan and capacity required to accomplish the plan.
- Phase 1 will be Action Planning. Phase 2 is Committee and Targeted Stakeholder work. Phase 3 will be collecting broad community input. Phase 4 is funding the plan.

VI. Pipeline Update (Presenters: Cathryn Vassell)

- The permanent supportive housing pipeline goal of 550 units has been exceeded.
- Developers received \$40,000 per unit of permanent supportive housing, but some developers didn't take the full amount enabling additional units to be

funded. 562 units have been approved to date. The majority of them are in affordable, mixed-income developments.

VII. Communications & Development Updates (Guests: Summer Duperon)

 [Development and Communications Update.pdf](#)

- There is a \$10 million gap in LIFT 2.0 funding. Partners for HOME has been awarded \$3.5 million from the Whitehead Foundation, \$350,000 from the William Josef Foundation, and \$25,000 from Wells Fargo.
- Current asks are out for the City of Atlanta ESG and Home funds.
- Partners for HOME has launched Community Breakfasts to help targeted stakeholder groups learn more about Partners for HOME and the work surrounding homeless response.
- The Point-in-Time Count is scheduled for January 23. Governing Council members are encouraged to attend and participate.
- Media training will be offered to LIFT providers in the coming months.

VIII. Updated Outreach Program Model (Guests: Jamie Kimbrough)

 [Outreach Program Model.pptx](#)

- The Coordinated Entry Refinement Committee has been looking at program models over the last few months. They are looking to set up best practices for each program model and started with the outreach program model.
- The main difference in the updated outreach program model is the description; it now includes harm reduction principles.
- The CE Refinement Committee is asking outreach team to work as one unified team with a goal of ensuring collaboration and breaking up silos.
- Client satisfaction survey questions were created in the CE Refinement committee and ask 9 questions on a 1 - 5 Likert scale.

**Motion:**

Approve Outreach Program Model and Client Satisfaction Survey.

Motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Permanent Supportive Housing Transfer Policy Changes (Guests: Annie Hyrila)

- The existing Permanent Supportive Housing Transfer policy is listed on the Partners for HOME website and is used in permanent supportive housing transfers within the CoC.
- Transfers are made for decreased/increased level of services, change in family composition, closure of a program, pending eviction from a leased property, etc.

- The policy also outlines transfers from PSH to PSH or RRH to PSH and covers emergency transfers.
- The proposed changes will ensure providers are using PSH transfers as a last resort and are employing all service options prior to requesting transfer to ensure housing stability.
- Reasons for transfers now include imminent risk of safety, pending eviction, changes in family composition, closure of program, etc.

**Motion:**

Approve Updated Permanent Supportive Housing Transfer Policy

Motion was unanimously approved.