

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020
Webinar**

Members Present: AJ Robinson, Tom Andrews, Carol Collard, Laura Beggs, Dana Johnson-Inman, Janet Tharp, Monica Johnson, Marc Pollack, Phillip Hunter, Jimiyu Evans

Staff Present: Cathryn Marchman, Jillian Churik, Melissa Austin

Guests Present: Ashlee Starr (Proxy for Dr. Howard Grant)

Welcome, AJ Robinson

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by AJ Robinson.
- The minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved as submitted.

Charter Update, Melissa Austin

- The Atlanta CoC Governing Council Charter has been updated to reflect requirements as part of the HMIS Capacity Grant. The update included:
 - Designating the collaborative applicant to be the HMIS lead in response to negligence or poor performance of GAHMIS as the current lead.
 - Reference to GA HMIS Bylaws and policies and procedures for the requirements of a HMIS privacy plan, security plan, and data quality plan
- Please see packet for detailed updates.
- The Atlanta CoC Governing Council Charter updates were approved as submitted.

System Performance Vitals and Dashboards, Melissa Austin

- Ms. Austin presented on Q3 System Performance Vital Signs.
 - Vital signs include housing placements, housing retention, and returns to homelessness in both RRH and PSH. Further data information can be found in the slideshow.
 - Please note that PfH and its partners are working to identify targets for each of these vital signs in 2021.
- Interactive performance dashboards have been added to the PfH website under Data Analytics. Dashboard data will be updated quarterly.

Year in Review, Cathryn Marchman & Melissa Austin

- Ms. Austin presented on current COVID Response work and the Housing Surge. Key NCH Activities include daily case conferencing and coordination with service providers, Atlanta Housing, RRH providers, PATH teams, Open Doors and PfH Staff.
 - Housing Surge work encompasses encampment closures, new funding, project set up, implementation, use of new data tool for referrals, furniture and move in kits, as well as barrier busting.
 - Please see slideshow for more detailed data on this work.
- Ms. Marchman presented an update on the HomeFirst Investment Strategy. \$50MM investment leverages \$353+MM over next 30 years. Please see slideshow for detailed leverage and alignment information as well as PSH Pipeline data.

- 2021 Year in Review slideshow is available on the PfH website.

Point in Time Update & Discussion, Cathryn Marchman

- HUD has issued exceptions to CoCs to request a waiver for the mandatory 2021 Unsheltered portion of the PIT Count. HUD has also given additional options such as changing methodologies (head count, etc.).
- PfH would like to request a full waiver from the Unsheltered PIT Count due to changes to methodology would render data incomparable to years past and safety concerns related to executing the Count amid the ongoing pandemic.
 - The Governing Council approved the request to waive the 2021 Unsheltered portion of the PIT Count.
- Please note, PfH will be considering conducting the PIT Count later in the year and will provide updates to the GC.

NOFA Update, Cathryn Marchman

- A waiver of the 2020 NOFA CoC Competition requires congressional approval. The final bill has been submitted to Congress and was expected to pass within the week. The bill would waive the competition and renew existing grants. A process is to be determined for how to apply for any new bonus funds.
- PfH will be updating the GC as soon as updates are available.