

**Atlanta CoC Governing Council
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019
Central Atlanta Progress
85 Walton Street NW**

Members Present: Jack Hardin, AJ Robinson, Janet Tharp, Jenifer Turner-Reid (phone), Anita Harris on behalf of Natalie Hall (phone), Monica (phone), Bithia Ratnasamy, Tammie Workman, Tom Andrews, Laura Beggs

Staff Present: Cathryn Marchman, Amy Zaremba, Jillian Hart

Welcome, AJ Robinson

- There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by AJ Robinson.
- The minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved as submitted.

New Business, Amy Zaremba

- A slide deck was provided by Amy Zaremba detailing the updated workflows and program models. Please note that the workflows and program models were discussed in detail during the Governing Council (GC) Policy Briefing call on December 6, 2019.
 - The Diversion Workflow was presented for approval. This workflow details workflows for those who are at risk of imminent homelessness, imminently homeless, literally homeless, and rapid exit. Changes to the workflow are detailed in the slide deck.
 - The resolution for the Diversion Workflow was approved as submitted.
 - A discussion was had about adding a healthcare element to the workflow in the future.
 - The Homeless Prevention, Homeless Diversion, and Rapid Exit program models were presented for approval. Changes to the models are detailed in the slide deck.
 - The resolution for these program models was approved as submitted.
 - Coordinated Entry (CE) Policy updates were presented for approval. The updates were created for the Atlanta CoC to remain in alignment with current HUD regulations.
 - The updates made to the CE policy were approved as submitted.

Guest Presentation, Elizabeth Appley

- There was discussion about long term sustainability and its criticality to the success of the CoC in Atlanta. Elizabeth Appley presented on the topic of a road map to ongoing sustainable funding.
- Ms. Appley detailed public investment, the role of the state and Georgia's current policies, including a housing trust fund, as well as partnering with current efforts, such as the HouseATL funding recommendations. The "unseen" cost of homelessness currently taken on by the state was defined.
 - Steps going forward include: defining what success will look like and how money raised will be spent, defining and justifying the financial goal, researching and identifying the financial sources, defining the financial and legal options, and developing a coalition of supporters.
 - Please see slide deck for detailed information.

Composition Update, Jack Hardin and Amy Zaremba

- The GC Charter requires an annual review and for the GC to fine tune the governing process.
 - Currently there are three to four vacancies on the GC: two to three ex-officio and one at large.
 - Please see slide deck for details on next steps.

System Performance, Cathryn Marchman

- System vital signs were presented by Cathryn Marchman. The PIT count numbers will not change until January 2020 when the next PIT will be held.
- A graph of housing placements was provided detailing the average number of housing placements of the Atlanta CoC from January 2018- October 2019. This includes both RRH and PSH.
 - Next steps include creating a goal of where this average should be.
- Quarter Three retentions and returns was presented for both PSH and RRH.
 - Please see slide deck for detailed numbers.

HomeFirst Update, Cathryn Marchman

- An update on the HomeFirst Investment Strategy was presented. See slide deck for report details.
- Applications received to date (13) and anticipated applications (2) updated.
- Evaluation and evaluation next steps were presented.
 - The HomeFirst Evaluation was presented with no “findings” but there were some recommendations on process improvement.
 - Next steps include:
 - Consider programmatic evaluation to demonstrate impact;
 - Employment initiative;
 - Overall outcome evaluation of HomeFirst Initiative.