

**GEORGIA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Atlanta, Georgia
October 27, 2021**

Conference Call Number (1-844-992-4726; Mtg# is 2633 783 6055)

Present (teleconference unless otherwise noted)

Linda Boswell
Shannon Candler
Kristy Carter
Rachel Castillo
Chad Cheshire
Tonya Curry
Matthew Elder
Bert Flewellen
Sondra Hampton
Eric McGhee
Wayne Mack
Joan Oxley
Daniel Rosebud
Maxwell Ruppensburg
Charlotte Woody

Absent

David E. Blackwell
Bill McGahan
Diane Rogers

Collaborative Applicant Staff (in person unless otherwise noted)

Amanda Brand (teleconference)
Josh Gray
Rick Heermans
Rebecca Hickom
Ambra Houser (teleconference)
Tina Moore
John Sherekis
Kate Tettamant (teleconference)

Guests (teleconference unless otherwise noted)

Suzanne Dow, Georgia Mountain Women's Center
Carolyn Booth, Salvation Army
Jessica Mitcham, Good Neighbor Shelter
Sr Theresa Sullivan, Depaul USA
Sabrina Callaway, Clayton County Police
Taujuana Chiyota, Douglas County CSB
Shaun Sosebee, Family Promise of White County
Howard Campbell, Clayton County CSA
Selma Morrow, Point Source Youth
Xavier Kim, Asian-American Resource Center
Trupti Hattangady, Asian-American Resource Center
Jenifer Turner-Reid, U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Teresa Smith, S.H.A.R.E. House
Michael Miller, City of Hinesville
Sharon Scott, CSRA EOA
Stephanie Nelson-Theus, PCCI
Whitney McGinniss, Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Yurshema Flanders, LAMP
Katha Blackwell, Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Britt Aliperti, PCCI
John Moeller-Inspiritus
Katheryn Preston, GAEH (in person)

The meeting of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Board (the "Board") meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tonya Curry at 1:03 p.m.

Chairperson Curry welcomed board members, thanked everyone for participating in this meeting and conducted a roll call of the board members present, either in person or on the call.

Chairperson Curry then invited guests to participate in the public comment period and members to introduce themselves. The guests introduced themselves either verbally as they joined the conference call or through the Chat feature online. Katheryn Preston of the Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness announced that November was Homeless Awareness Month.

Chairperson Curry called on Tina Moore to review the 2021 Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition. Referencing meeting materials distributed to the Board (*2021 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Priority Ranking DRAFT Tier 1 and Tier 2; 2021 Balance of State CoC Ranking and Tier Results; 2021 Balance of State Reallocation Amounts; 2021 BoS CoC Conditional Results Notes; 2021 BoS CoC Competition Threshold Notes; Backup Data - BoS 2021 RENEWAL Application Scores; and Backup Data - BoS 2021 NEW Application Scores*), Ms. Moore reviewed the scoring results of the competition and project review by the application review sub-committees. Project applications were sent to the application review sub-committees and scored in accordance with policy set by the Board at the last meeting on September 14, 2021. Staff collected scores from review team members for each project on October 13 and 14, 2021, performance data was collected from annual reports and review applications, and renewal applicants that met threshold were given the opportunity to review their project scores. On October 21, 2021, the results of the competition, project ranking, and recommended adjustments were reviewed with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee who approved them and recommended they move forward to the Board.

Ms. Moore reviewed the ranking results for renewal permanent housing project applications which includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and new permanent housing project applications (which includes PSH and RRH project types). Using project application review scores, projects were ranked in tiered groupings as determined in the BoS Competition Policy (Group 1 – Renewal PSH, RRH, Coordinated Assessment, HMIS, and operational projects transferred in the last 12-months); Group 2 – Newly awarded PH (RRH & PSH) from the 2019 competition that have not been in operation for a full year; Group 3 – New projects designated by the CoC to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 – Renewal PSH and RRH projects determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 – New Bonus PH (PSH, RRH, or Joint TH-RRH); Group 6 – New DV Bonus housing projects; and Group 7 – New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Ms. Moore noted that there were no projects for Groups 5 or 7.

Upon further review, it was determined that 1 renewal project would be placed in Group 4 due to significantly underperforming in the area of grant utilization. Staff looked at three projects for low utilization and met with each agency to discuss their projects. During the meetings, it was determined that, for two of the projects, clients were being served and those organizations are working on a corrective plan to address low utilization (DCA staff will work to provide technical assistance in the coming year). For the project that was moved down to Group 4, the project hasn't served anyone in the CoC-funded program since 11/1/2020, and they currently don't have an executed contract in place. There isn't a new project that scored highly enough to recommend reallocation. In addition, this project currently owes HUD over \$91,000 as a result of monitoring findings, and HUD has proposed to deduct the amount owed from agency expenditures in this project going forward.

Ms. Moore reported that 68 projects are listed in the final ranking with 2 new projects (3 new projects in e-snaps) determined not to have met the required minimum threshold requirements. Three new projects were approved by the review team conditionally based on clarification needed on the populations being

served or project design. DCA staff met with those applicants to determine that they did meet threshold requirements and the Committee approved these projects and is making a recommendation that they move forward to ranking. DCA staff reviewed the results of the conditional review for the FaithBridge Foster Care, Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, and Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter projects in detail. If approved, DCA can provide TA with the e-snaps application as appropriate based on the condition.

The 2021 BoS CoC Competition began with an unknown amount of funds to be reallocated. Projects that were underutilized were subject to a grant reduction (with partial funds to be reallocated) or a reallocation for significant underutilization. During the review process, it was determined that there is one project that, pending an executed contract, will be opting not to request funding for its renewal (the Action Ministries RRH transfer to GHFA). Also, during the review process, it was determined that there were no projects submitted for renewal that are proposed for full or partial reallocation.

Ms. Moore reviewed reallocated funds available in the amount of \$707,086. She reported that the reallocated amount is with the expectation that HUD will work with GHFA to execute the contract for the transfer project previously administered by Action Ministries for \$707,086. The two highest scoring projects were placed in Group 3. The difference between the amount of funds requested by the two highest scoring projects that met the threshold review (initially & conditionally) and the reallocated funds expected to be available (\$707,086) for those projects was \$74,786 requested in the initial applications less than the amount available. Ms. Moore reviewed recommended adjustments to the requested amounts for the highest scoring two new projects proposed to utilize reallocated funds (Georgia Mountain Women's Center and FaithBridge Foster Care) pending corrections to budgets. Ms. Moore noted that, once the highest ranked project adjusted their units and budget to add funds so that the proposed request would line up with the amount of funds that fall into Tier 1 (add \$50,712 to come to \$178,092), it is recommended that the second ranked project in the 3rd Group be adjusted to align with the remaining reallocated funds available (an additional \$24,074).

Ms. Moore reported that, of the two remaining new domestic violence projects that met threshold review (following conditional review), we are proposing to request funding for both under the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. DV Bonus projects have a chance of being awarded DV Bonus funds or CoC Bonus funds. Ms. Moore noted that the amount of CoC permanent housing bonus funds available to the CoC is \$1,192,227, but there were no projects that met threshold to request these funds.

Ms. Moore reviewed the amount of Domestic Violence (DV) bonus funds available to the CoC in the amount of \$3,576,680. There were two projects submitted that qualified as DV Bonus projects and they did not score high enough to consider them for the reallocated funds group. Ms. Moore noted that the project narratives, units, and budgets needed updates and some corrections for these projects. The two new DV projects are currently requesting over \$3 million less than the amount of funding available for the DV Bonus. Ms. Moore noted that the Committee approved that proposed adjustments be allowed for this project, which may slightly change the requested amount for these new projects, and we are requesting the Board's approval of the adjustments.

Of the 6 new project review applications submitted for scoring and ranking review, the application review sub-committee determined that 2 of the new projects (1 Rapid Re-Housing AND Permanent Supportive Housing project and 1 Joint Component TH-RRH project), and subsequently 3 in e-snaps, did NOT meet threshold. Ms. Moore reviewed threshold issues for the new project applications in detail.

The total proposed request, pending adjustments to new projects, is over \$20.4 million, which includes \$715,336 non-competitive funds for the CoC Planning grant. Ms. Moore requested the Board's approval of the results of the competition, final ranking and determinations, recommended adjustments, and recommended reallocations of the 2021 Balance of State CoC Competition. Following the vote, Shannon Candler requested that staff add a column to show areas served to the project summary information in the future.

A motion to approve the results, final ranking and determinations, reallocations, and recommended adjustments for the 2021 Balance of State CoC Competition as proposed by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee was made by Rachel Castillo and seconded by Shannon Candler. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Curry then called on Josh Gray to provide the Balance of State CoC Updates. Mr. Gray reported on the following:

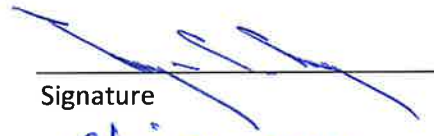
- Staff Update
 - Diana Pitcher joined our team as CoC Program Coordinator on September 16. She had previously worked with the Latin-American Association.
- The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) submitted to HUD on behalf of the BoS CoC was not funded. A total of only 33 communities were approved for this program with 11 of them rural areas. He said that staff has learned a lot during the application process and made progress with this issue and plans to submit again in the next HUD funding round.
- HUD recently announced a Coordinated Entry Racial Equity Demonstration Project, but DCA was not selected to be part of the cohort. Only 8-10 communities were approved nationwide and those selected were chosen at random.
- CoC Provider Training Webinars
 - Fair Housing and Equal Access was held on October 28.
 - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was held on November 3.
- USICH Listening Session
 - DCA is hosting a listening session for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on November 22.
 - USICH is working to get feedback from providers for the update of the Federal Strategic Plan.
- Mr. Gray offered thanks to Matthew Elder and Joan Oxley who both participated on the review team scoring CoC applications this year.

A question was asked as to when the final ranking and tier results would be sent out to applicants and other interested parties. Mr. Gray said that this information would go out to everyone tomorrow.

Chairperson Curry asked if there was any old business. No old business was presented to the Board for consideration.

Chairperson Curry then asked for new business. No new business was presented to the Board for consideration.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Atlanta, Georgia.



Signature
Chairperson

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