

**GEORGIA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Atlanta, Georgia
September 12, 2023
Conference Call Number (1-844-992-4726; Mtg# is 2630 850 1933)**

Present (teleconference)

Linda Boswell
Rachel Castillo
Tammie Collins
Chad Cheshire
Matthew Elder
Jimiyu Evans
Philip Gilman
Alison Goldey
Wayne Mack
Diane Rogers
Maxwell Ruppensburg
Michelle Stanley
Charlotte Woody

Absent

Kristy Carter
Andrea Giese-Sweat
Sondra Hampton
Eric McGhee
Brendon Tate

Collaborative Applicant Staff (teleconference)

Aashish Gautam
Josh Gray
Jimmy Harris
Rick Heermans
Laura Holland
Yolanda McGee
Amanda McKearn
John Stovall
Tina Moore
Cordaryl Turner
Daphne Walker
Charles Wheeler

Guests (teleconference)

Megan Johnson-GA Heath Information Network
Shirelle King-GA Heath Information Network
Carolyn Johnson & Haleigh Jinkins-Hand in Hand of Glynn
Kendall Yearby & Daniel Donathan-Legacy BHS
Lakeisha Jones & Leah Spuhler-Salvation Army
Nadeen Samuels & Timeko Huntley-Open Doors Atlanta
Ailene Gordon-CaringWorks
Chrystal Coker-Ninth District Opportunity
Ebony Green-Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Rebecca Davis-HOPE Atlanta
Sandy Jackson-Exousia House of Georgia
Suzanne Dow-GA Mountain Women's Center
Paula Howell-Project Infinity
Cheryl Williams-New Horizons BHS
Ebony Harris-Youth Empowerment Success Services
Deadra McCray-River Edge Behavioral Health
Lori McDaniel-Dalton City Schools
Tameyer Evans-DFACS
Jennifer Hamilton-Bridge Health

The meeting of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Board (the "Board") meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chad Cheshire at 10:05 a.m.

Chairperson Cheshire welcomed board members, thanked everyone for participating in this meeting, and conducted a roll call of the board members in attendance.

Chairperson Cheshire called for approval of the minutes of May 24, 2023 (Tab A).

Motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023 was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Tammie Collins. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire called for approval of the minutes of June 14, 2023 (Tab A).

Motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023 was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Alison Goldey. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire called for approval of the minutes of August 1, 2023 (Tab A). Chairperson Cheshire noted that there was an error on page 2 of the minutes where the second paragraph has "Chairperson Curry," and the paragraph should have "Chairperson Cheshire." Staff noted they will make the correction.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes of August 1, 2023 was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Michelle Stanley. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire 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. Shirelle King introduced herself and Megan Johnson of the Georgia Health Information Network and stated that they would make a presentation about their organization later in the meeting. There were no additional comments from the public.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Tina Moore to review the Record E-mail Vote discussion item on the agenda. A rule in the Governance Charter allows for the Chair to call for a vote from Board members via e-mail for business matters that the Chair determines require immediate action between regularly scheduled Board meetings. The Governance Charter states that an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members via e-mail shall be the act of the Board, and a record of any motions, votes, and actions taken via e-mail will be entered into the record at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Ms. Moore reported that she was officially recording the result of the e-mail vote requested on June 20, 2023, where the Board was requested to approve the slate of 19 local project applications selected for funding under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), as recommended by the Youth Action Board (YAB). Ms. Moore noted that following the meeting of the Board on June 14th, staff met with the YAB to finalize the results and get the YAB's approval. The 19 local project applications sent to the Board for votes are as follows:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	YAB Recommendation
Safe Harbor Children's Center	STRIVE TH-RRH	Joint TH-RRH Only	Selected for Funding
Advocates for Bartow's Children	Advocates Joint TH-RRH	Joint TH-RRH Only	Selected for Funding
Wellroot Family Services	Safety Net	Joint TH-RRH Only	Selected for Funding

Youth Empowerment Success Services, Inc. (YESS)	Youth Empowerment Success Services - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Program	Joint TH-RRH	Selected for Funding
United Way of Central Georgia	Community Youth Supports	Joint TH-RRH	Selected for Funding
Georgia Housing Finance Authority	YHDP HMIS Support	HMIS	Selected for Funding
Camp Rock of Georgia, Inc.	Camp Rock of Georgia Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH Only	Selected for Funding
Safe Harbor Children's Center	Zach's Place Diversion	SSO Diversion	Selected for Funding
Open Arms, Inc.	Homeless Youth Demonstration Project	SSO Outreach	Selected for Funding
Hope thru Soap	Hope thru Soap BOS YHDP Outreach	SSO Outreach	Selected for Funding
Hope thru Soap	Hope thru Soap BOS YHDP Navigation	Navigation	Selected for Funding
Hope thru Soap	Hope thru Soap BOS YHDP Drop-in Center	Drop in/Diversion	Selected for Funding
Safe Harbor Children's Center	Street Beat Outreach	SSO Outreach	Selected for Funding
Advocates for Bartow's Children	Advocates Youth Drop-In Center	SSO Drop-In Cntr	Selected for Funding
Youth Empowerment Success Services, Inc. (YESS)	Youth Empowerment Success Services - Diversion	SSO Diversion	Selected for Funding
Park Place Outreach	Street Outreach Program	SSO Diversion	Selected for Funding
Safe Harbor Children's Center	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	SSO Drop In	Selected for Funding
Forsyth County Family Connection	FoCo Drop-In Center	SSO Drop-In Cntr	Selected for Funding
Albany Area Community Service Board (CSB) (dba Aspire BH)	breakout PSH	PSH	Selected for Funding

Ms. Moore reported that this item was approved with no objections from a quorum of the Board. Votes were received by Linda Boswell, Kristy Carter, Rachel Castillo, Tammie Collins, Matthew Elder, Jimiyu Evans, Andrea Giese-Sweat, Philip Gilman, Alison Goldey, Sondra Hampton, Eric McGhee, Diane Rogers, Maxwell Ruppensburg, Michelle Stanley, and Charlotte Woody. Chairperson Cheshire’s vote was not needed to break a tie.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to review the 2023 Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Results. Mr. Gray first thanked Board Members Charlotte Woody and Matthew Elder among others for their assistance in ranking and scoring the applications. Mr. Gray then reviewed the scoring results of the competition and project review by the application review sub-committees (Tab B). 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 August 1, 2023. Staff collected scores from review team members for each project on August 28 and 29, 2023, performance data was collected from annual reports, HMIS, and review applications, and renewal applicants that met threshold were given the opportunity to review their project scores. On September 5, 2023, the results of the competition, project ranking, and recommended adjustments were reviewed with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee who approved backup scoring, the final ranking, reallocations, and budget adjustments. The Committee then recommended they move forward to the Board for approval.

Mr. Gray 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 (RRH project type). 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 2021 or 2022 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. Mr. Gray noted that there were no projects recommended for Group 7.

As a result of the review process, it was determined that one renewal project would be placed in Group 4 due to significantly underperforming in the area of grant utilization. Staff looked at the four lowest scoring projects where two of them have extremely low utilization. Staff met with both organizations. One project is currently working on a corrective plan and has improved data reporting for enrollments, but they are still housing a low number. This project was moved to a lower grouping (Group 4). The second project did not serve anyone in calendar year 2022 and is recommended for reallocation in the amount totaling \$127,812. For the project that was moved down to Group 4, the project has low utilization for the third year. They have shown some improvement and are showing more served (20% project utilization), but the number moving into housing (4 people of 108 served) and funds expended is low (53% funding drawn). When scores were sent out, staff let them know that this project was in an underperforming status and have met with them to discuss this further.

Mr. Gray reported that 68 applications were received with 65 included in the final ranking. Of this total, 57 were included in Group 1, 3 in Group 2, and 1 apiece in Groups 3-6. The other project was the one proposed for relocation in the amount of \$127,812. 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 was one project submitted for renewal that is proposed for full reallocation.

Mr. Gray reviewed proposed reallocated funds available in the amount of \$127,812. He reported that, during the review process, it was determined that the MUST Ministries RRH project is not serving any project participants nor spending any funds, and they did not serve any clients or spend any funds in the calendar year 2022, and the grant amount of \$127,812 is proposed for reallocation.

Mr. Gray reported that the Balance of State CoC received six (6) new project requests under the 2023 CoC Annual Competition. During the review process for new projects, four (4) new projects were approved by the review team conditionally based on minor budget adjustments for two (2) of the projects, and project reductions for the other two (2) projects. DCA staff made initial budget adjustments for the four (4) new projects and is requesting that the Committee allow these. DCA staff reviewed the recommendations in detail.

The amount of reallocated funds proposed to be available to the CoC is \$127,812, and the amount of CoC permanent housing bonus funds available to the CoC is \$1,889,803. Mr. Gray reported that the highest scoring new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project, Hand in Hand of Glynn, was placed in Group 3, and staff is requesting an adjusted \$300,000 with \$127,812 in reallocated funds and the remainder of the request in CoC Bonus funds. Mr. Gray noted that adjustments would allow slight modifications to their

budget and admin funds requested. Of the three remaining new projects that met threshold review, we are proposing to request two under the CoC PH Bonus, and one under the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus.

Mr. Gray reviewed the total amount of CoC permanent housing (PH) bonus funds available to the CoC in the amount of \$1,889,803. There are two (2) projects that passed threshold review listed under the CoC PH Bonus Project. Mr. Gray noted that project narratives and budgets needed updates and some corrections for both projects. For the first project listed under the CoC PH Bonus, Mr. Gray discussed the recommended reduction of this PSH project to 25 units and reviewer concerns in detail. Mr. Gray then discussed the second project listed, noting that minor budget adjustments may be needed to ensure accurate FMR and project feasibility for 15 units of RRH. Mr. Gray noted that in addition to the project reduction, proposed adjustments will be needed for both projects that may slightly change the requested amount for these new projects and asked that the Board approve these adjustments.

Mr. Gray reviewed the amount of Domestic Violence (DV) bonus funds available to the CoC in the amount of \$2,699,719. There is one project submitted that qualified as a DV Bonus project that passed threshold. The funds requested far exceeded the amount of reallocated funding available, and we are proposing to request funding for both under the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. Mr. Gray noted that this project is a proposed expansion of a current RRH project with a recommended reduction to 18 units (from 50 additional units). Mr. Gray discussed reviewer concerns in detail and recommendations to limit this project to 18 units. Mr. Gray 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 he requested 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 Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) Component project and 1 Supportive Service Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) did not meet threshold. Mr. Gray reviewed threshold issues for the new project applications in detail.

The total proposed request, pending adjustments to new projects, is \$23,565,775. That figure includes \$19,199,746 in Tier 1 funds, \$2,421,594 for Tier 2, \$594,575 for the DV Bonus, and \$1,349,860 in non-competitive funds for the CoC Planning grant. Mr. Gray requested the Board's approval of the results of the competition, final ranking and determinations, recommended adjustments and reallocated funding of the 2023 Balance of State CoC Competition.

A motion to approve the results, final ranking and determinations, recommended adjustments and reallocated funding for the 2023 Balance of State CoC Competition as proposed by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee was made by Philip Gilman and seconded by Jimiyu Evans. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously with Tammie Collins abstaining.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to review the Balance of State Governance Charter Update (Tab C). Referring to the document, *Governance Charter Georgia BoS CoC – September 2023 Draft Updates*, Mr. Gray discussed proposed changes including: edits to update the reference to the "HUD Strategic Plan" to "HUD Strategic Goals" to align with language in the most recent NOFO (page 9) and the update to increase the number of Board members from 19 to 21 (pages 4-5) in order to add the Department of Public Health and Department of Family and Children Services to the agencies on the Board. Mr. Gray reported that Collaborative Applicant staff met with the Membership and Rules Committee, who

approved these changes at their meeting on August 23, 2023. Mr. Gray noted that 5-year Action is required. The Governance Charter states: "Review and/or update the Charter's process for Board selection not less than once every 5 years [578.7(3)]." This lines up with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations that require the following of each Continuum of Care:

(3) Adopt and follow a written process to select a board to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care. The process must be reviewed, updated, and approved by the Continuum at least once every 5 years

Mr. Gray requested that the Board approve the updates to the Governance Charter as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Gray noted that this process will also need to be approved by the full membership following any Board approval. Following the vote, Chairperson Cheshire asked how long it will take to fill these new Board positions. Mr. Gray replied that no communication has been sent to either department yet, but he does not anticipate the process to take a long time.

A motion to approve the Governance Charter with noted updates as recommended by the Membership and Rules Committee was made by Tammie Collins and seconded by Diane Rogers. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Following Board approval, the Collaborative Applicant will send the Governance Charter out to the full membership for a vote.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to review the 2024 Balance of State Homeless Count (Tab D). Referring to the document, *2024 Point in Time Homeless Count Methodology (September 5, 2023)*, Mr. Gray discussed the purpose of the Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count. Mr. Gray discussed the proposed methodology and process that includes review of the predictive model provided by Simtech Solutions that was updated in 2019, use of the Counting Us app survey tool for the unsheltered count, and extensive count coverage in targeted counties. Mr. Gray also discussed the street and service-based method for the unsheltered count, provider surveys for the sheltered count, the process for deduplication of data, the predictive model, and data processing and submission. Mr. Gray discussed the creation of a subcommittee to assist with recruitment, training, and coordination of the count. On September 5, 2023, staff met with the Standards, Rating, & Project Selection Committee to review staff recommendations on the 2024 Balance of State CoC Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Count and the 2024 Homeless Count Methodology and Process. The unsheltered count is expected to take place during the last 10 days of January along with the provider surveys for those being sheltered. The proposed recommendations were approved for consideration by the Board. The proposed recommendations were approved for consideration by the Board. Mr. Gray requested the Board's approval of the 2024 Balance of State CoC Homeless Count Methodology.

A motion to approve the 2024 Balance of State CoC Point-in-Time Methodology, as recommended by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Philip Gilman. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Tina Moore to review Balance of State CoC Steering Committee and BoS CoC Administrator Appointments. Referencing the *Georgia HMIS Bylaws* that were adopted in February 2023, Ms. Moore noted the Bylaws provide the governance structure and outline the responsibilities of each of the eight participating CoCs, the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Lead, and

the GA HMIS Steering Committee. CoCs are required to adopt and/or re-affirm adoption of the Bylaws annually, and the Board reaffirmed approval in February 2023.

Ms. Moore reviewed requirements of the Georgia HMIS Steering Committee Bylaws to appoint two BoS CoC voting members to serve on the Georgia HMIS Steering Committee to provide oversight of the HMIS implementation and to represent the BoS Continuum in GA HMIS decision-making. Ms. Moore noted that the Bylaws require one representative from the Collaborative Applicant and one representative with technical understanding of HMIS. Referencing the Acknowledgement page and Bios behind Tab E, Ms. Moore presented Josh Gray to continue as the Collaborative Applicant representative and for Chad Cheshire of Volunteers of America Southeast to serve as the technical expert, with both to serve as voting members on the Georgia HMIS Steering Committee, as recommended by the HMIS Committee on September 5th.

Ms. Moore then reviewed the requirements of the Georgia HMIS Steering Committee Bylaws to designate at least one user in the Continuum to be the CoC Administrator, who will be authorized to have administrative-level access to the data for the Balance of State CoC for the purposes of providing oversight, user support, and monitoring. Ms. Moore reported to the Board that the Balance of State has one individual that currently fills that role, Aashish Gautam and recommended that Mr. Gautam be affirmed to continue as CoC Administrator. Ms. Moore then recommended that Arlene Thomas and Eesl Kim be designated along with Aashish Gautam to serve as CoC Administrators as defined in the Bylaws. Ms. Moore requested the Board approve Arlene Thomas and Eesl Kim to fill two vacancies and be designated, along with Aashish Gautam, to serve as CoC Administrators as recommended by the HMIS Committee on September 5th.

A motion to appoint Chad Cheshire and reaffirm the appointment of Josh Gray, as specified in Section IV of the Bylaws, to serve on the GA HMIS Steering Committee to provide oversight of the implementation and represent the Balance of State Continuum in GA HMIS decision-making, as proposed by the HMIS Committee, was made by Rachel Castillo and seconded by Maxwell Ruppensburg. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to reaffirm the appointment of Aashish Gautam and appoint Arlene Thomas and Eesl Kim to be CoC Administrators as defined in the Georgia HMIS Steering Committee Bylaws, as proposed by the HMIS Committee, was made by Alison Goldey and seconded by Jimiyu Evans. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire then asked Tina Moore to review the Balance of State CoC HMIS Memorandum of Agreements (MOA): 1. FY 2023 Balance of State CoC HMIS Renewal MOA, and 2. FY 2023 GHFA BoS CoC HMIS MOA. Referencing both documents in Tab F, Ms. Moore reviewed the MOAs and stated that they are the agreements between the Balance of State CoC and the GA HMIS Lead Agency further defining responsibilities and duties of each party for both HMIS grants. Both documents also serve to formalize the terms of the financial agreements between the CoC and the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority (GHFA) as the entity that receives HMIS grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Ms. Moore first reviewed the FY 2023 Balance of State CoC HMIS Renewal MOA which is related to the Balance of State CoC HMIS project. This MOA states that the BoS CoC will retain the full \$100,003 total

for support that directly benefits the BoS CoC. DCA will provide the 25% cash match for this project and Ms. Moore reported that these funds support an HMIS Administrator and related staff for the Balance of State CoC.

Ms. Moore then reviewed the FY 2023 GHFA BoS CoC HMIS MOA which is related to the statewide HMIS project. This MOA states that the BoS CoC will retain \$150,000 of the \$663,400 total with the balance going to DCA to be used towards HMIS Implementation that covers the rest of the state including eight of the nine CoCs within Georgia. DCA will also provide the \$165,850 cash match.

Ms. Moore requested that the Board approve both the FY 2023 Balance of State CoC HMIS Renewal MOA and the FY 2023 GHFA BoS CoC HMIS MOA, as approved by the HMIS Committee on September 5, 2023.

A motion to approve the FY 2023 Balance of State CoC HMIS Renewal MOA document, as proposed by the HMIS Committee, was made by Rachel Castillo and seconded by Maxwell Ruppensburg. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the FY 2023 GHFA BoS CoC HMIS MOA document, as proposed by the HMIS Committee, was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Alison Goldey. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to review the HUD Stability Voucher Program MOUs – Albany, Newnan, and Department of Community Affairs Housing Authorities (Tab G). Mr. Gray reported that Albany Housing Authority, Newnan Housing Authority, and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Housing Authority received awards of Stability Housing Vouchers in connection with the Rural Homelessness Set Aside. DCA received an award of 110 vouchers and Newnan and Albany 5 vouchers each. These awards require a partnership of the Public Housing Authority (PHA) and the Continuum of Care where it is located (Balance of State CoC). The vouchers will have a focus on individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, or veterans and families that includes a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria. Balance of State CoC responsibilities include integrating the prioritization and referral process into Coordinated Entry and to meet regularly with all of the MOU partners.

Mr. Gray noted that the MOUs require the signature of the Board Chair, and he requested Board approval of the Balance of State CoC entering into MOUs with the Housing Authority of the City of Albany, the Housing Authority of the City of Newnan, and the DCA Housing Authority respectively.

A motion to approve the Balance of State CoC entering into the Stability Housing Voucher MOU with the Housing Authority of the City of Albany was made by Diane Rogers and seconded by Philip Gilman. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Following Board approval, the MOU will move to the Chairperson for signature.

A motion to approve the Balance of State CoC entering into the Stability Housing Voucher MOU with the Housing Authority of the City of Newnan was made by Jimiyu Evans and seconded by Michelle Stanley. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Following Board approval, the MOU will move to the Chairperson for signature.

A motion to approve the Balance of State CoC entering into the Stability Housing Voucher MOU with the Department of Community Affairs Housing Authority was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Tammie Collins. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Following Board approval, the MOU will move to the Chairperson for signature.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Shirelle King and Megan Johnson to provide a report on the Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN). Ms. King stated that GaHIN is the state-designated health information exchange for Georgia and that it helps health systems both across the state and nationally share vital data that advances quality care, improves outcomes, and lowers costs. Ms. King also noted that there are other regional health exchanges in the state and that they all feed into GaHIN.

Ms. King reviewed their main two initiatives, Georgia Direct and Georgia Connect in detail. Georgia Direct is an e-mail messaging system with 6,000 providers to securely send patient health information to other authorized health care providers at no cost. It is similar to g-mail but is HIPAA-compliant. Among other topics involved besides basic health care are long-term care, pharmacies, behavioral health, EMS, dentists, the VA, and other social/community-based organizations. Georgia Connect is a query-based exchange of patient data shared through the cloud. There are 24,000 connected providers that include health systems throughout the state in addition to correctional facilities, rural and critical access hospitals, and 6 different state agencies including DFACS, DBHDD, Juvenile Justice, Community Health, Corrections, and Public Health. Over 14 million documents were retrieved through this system in 2022 and it is connected to a national exchange called eHealth Exchange where information can be shared among different states. GaHIN can assist state agencies in areas such as social risk screenings, referral management, resource directory, reporting and analytics, and with longitudinal whole person records.

Ms. King noted that the system also has a new Social Care Integration Initiative designed to support whole person care by integrating social care data with clinical data to better enable access to services and to improve care outcomes. Tammie Collins asked to speak to them offline to see how United Way can be involved in the process. Ms. Collins noted that there are currently eight 2-1-1 services operating in the state, and they are trying to see how the service could be made available state-wide. Maxwell Ruppensburg asked how CoCs could get connected as he felt it could be a referral hub for them along with Community Service Boards (CSBs) and HMIS participants. Ms. King replied that they are currently working on the technology for this and expect it to be available by December. Ms. King noted that when it is ready, they will get the word out and make their vendor available to meet with local IT staff for those interested in participating.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to provide Balance of State CoC updates. Mr. Gray reported on the following:

- Isaac Davis has been promoted to Coordinated Entry Team Lead.
- Yolanda McGee and Jimmy Harris have joined the team as Coordinated Entry System Coordinators.
- Charles Wheeler started last week as the new CoC Program Co-Coordinator. Mr. Wheeler will be working with all youth-focused activities related to YHDP.
- Regarding the status of YHDP, all technical submissions are complete and have been submitted to HUD. Grant agreements are expected to be in place by October 1, 2023, with project start dates forthcoming.

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

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on November 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.



Signature

Vice Chairperson

Title