

March 6, 2015

Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care

Statewide Membership Meeting Notice – (Rescheduled Dates)

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will be conducting two statewide Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS Continuum) membership meetings. The first will be held on March 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in Forsyth, Georgia. Attendance, preferably in person, is essential so that CoC members will be able to fully engage in the discussions and provide input.

For those who are unable to attend the on-site meeting, we will conduct a webinar on March 31, 2015 to cover the same information. There is no need to participate in both meetings. Please note, the online web-based meeting is limited to the first 100 people who register, and we are requesting that members from the same agency only use one of the spots whenever possible.

The Balance of State's Continuum jurisdiction covers the 152 counties that are not represented by a local continuum. This area includes every city and/or county in Georgia **EXCEPT** Athens-Clarke, Columbus-Muscogee, Augusta-Richmond, Savannah-Chatham, Cobb County, DeKalb County, and Fulton County. Contact information for other continua within Georgia can be found at: <http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/programs/documents/GA-CoCContacts.Pdf>.

At the meetings on March 30 and 31, we will ask membership throughout Georgia's 152 county BoS Continuum planning area to comment and assist with planning to address housing needs within their region, and throughout the Continuum. Specifically, these statewide meetings will include a brief training on the HEARTH Act Requirements and updates on the Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance as well as provide a forum for members to discuss, provide input, and participate in the following areas (full agenda attached to notice):

- Coordinated Assessment,
- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and
- Needs / Gaps

Information is posted as available on the Balance of State Continuum of Care web page at:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/programs/continuumofcare.asp>. Please note, following its initial ratification by membership, and in consultation with the Collaborative Applicant and the HMIS Lead, the Governance Charter was updated by the Membership and Rules Committee and approved unanimously by the BoS Continuum Board at the meeting on January 21, 2015. Please see the following link for the updated Governance Charter:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/programs/documents/GovernanceCharterGeorgiaBoS-ContinuumOfCareAdopted1-21-2015.pdf>. The updates to the Governance Charter were not significant and included:

- Revision to the date to end of chronic homelessness in order to align with the change to the federal goal;
- Removal of the names of specific agencies for board appointments (for clarification);
- Clarification of board term lengths (3 years each) with initial group staggered (3, 4 & 5 years); and
- Added clarification to language on a quorum and voting.

The dates, times and locations for the Balance of State Continuum of Care statewide membership meetings are detailed below. Please contact Tina Moore at (404) 327-6870 or by Email at tina.moore@dca.ga.gov if you have special needs or if you need directions. You do NOT need to register for the Forsyth meeting. However, registration will be required for the web based in order to obtain login information (details below).

Monday, March 30, 2015, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - Roberts Chapel, State Offices South at Tift College (GA Dept of Corrections), 300 Patrol Road; Forsyth, GA 31209. For a map of the Tift College campus, go to http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/contactus/tift_directions.pdf.

Alternative Date for those who are unable to travel to Forsyth -- Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Webinar – To register, click on this link -- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6067105526866975233>. Note that very limited seating (12 seats – one per organization, please) is available for this meeting at DCA, Room 178. With the exception of persons who may need special accommodations, registration will be handled on a first come, first served. To reserve a seat at DCA, call or email Theresa Renfro at (404) 327-6815, email theresa.renfro@dca.ga.gov. Please make sure that Theresa has confirmed your seat prior to arriving at DCA.

Should you have questions regarding these meetings, please contact Tina Moore (404-327-6870 or tina.moore@dca.ga.gov).

Agenda

Balance of State Continuum of Care Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

**March 30, 2015, Roberts Chapel
State Offices South at Tift College, 300 Patrol Road, Forsyth, GA**

Note that there is no reservation process for this meeting.

Please sign in with complete and clear information!

(Same Agenda Repeated) March 31, 2015, Room 178

GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA), 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, GA

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On-site seating at DCA is Limited! See note below. Webinar limited to 100 people.

Welcome and Introductions

Homelessness in the Balance of State Continuum

HEARTH, CoC Regulations, and HUD Priorities

Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance

Governance Charter

Board of Directors and Standing Committees

Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition

Funding History / 2014 Competition and Awards

2015 Competition

Membership Input

Coordinated Assessment

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Needs / Gaps

Next Steps

Be sure to sign in and do it clearly

Survey Monkey or equivalent for Survey and Further Engagement

Adjourn

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