**GA-506 Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 17, 2015**

**Minutes**

**Members Attending**: Jeri Barr, Carolyn Bridges, Tyler Driver, Chris Fields, Veronica Sigalo, Bryan Stephens, Holly Tuchman, John Shereikis, Karen Carter, Judge Reuben Green, Kathleen Vaughn, and Jim Hartsfield

**Guests Attending**: Yvonne DePina

**Staff** **Attending**: Lee Freeman-Smith, Joan Toder

***Welcome and Introductions***

The meeting was called to order by Chris Fields and Holly Tuchman, Co-Chairs, and introductions were made around the room.

***Attendance and Minutes***

Jeri Barr confirmed attendance and quorum was in place. She presented the September 15 and November 2, 2015 minutes.

Motion: To accept the September 15 and November 2, 2015 minutes as presented (with correction made to November 2 minutes)

Moved First: Jim Hartsfield Seconded By: Karen Carter None Opposed

Jim Hartsfield made one correction to November 2 minutes. MHA had 17,966 applications not $17,966.

***Proxy***

Judge Green gave his proxy to Jeri Barr.

***AREC and Open Doors***

The Atlanta Real Estate Collaborative (AREC) is a group of private individuals with extensive real estate experience who have united to share their professional expertise in housing with those in need. AREC has embarked on three programs to deal directly with homelessness and have a sustainable impact. We seek to address the housing needs of homeless individuals through facilitating housing placements, real estate advisory services and development, and advocacy.

One of their programs is Open Doors. Matt Hurd attended to share more about the process and the Open Doors program which he manages. Open Doors recruits private-market housing properties willing to rent to households with rental barriers such as past eviction, low-income, or bad credit often due extenuating circumstances such as illness, divorce, or another unfortunate situation. (criminal background)

They have worked with many VASH, S+C, Section 8, etc. They are expanding their inventory of properties. They can share information and link providers with properties. They seek funds from private contributions, United Way, property owners, and developers so there is no fee to the service providers.

Matt would like to meet with the service providers to learn more about our individual needs. If you are interested, please contact him at mhurd@pccihome.org. You can also visit [www.opendoorsatl.org](http://www.opendoorsatl.org).

Overall Discussion:

* Need help finding decent apartment within fair market rate in Cobb
* Where is the affordable housing?
* Walton Communities might have more options in some of their properties
* Open Doors can work directly with properties and providers to see if they would offer any units, determine criteria for special populations since clients have criminal backgrounds and trying to get the lease in their name, violent crimes, etc.
* Open Doors can help be the housing locator for the providers

***Rating and Ranking Process***

Chris explained that after the November 2 called Board meeting we reviewed tier 2 HUD scoring further. HUD has a formula for how they are scoring tier 2 and we felt The Extension would be in jeopardy. Judge Green discussed the meeting we had for scenario 3 which moved the Extension into tier 1 and has Cobb CSB straddling tier 1 and 2. The rating and ranking panel felt we should bring forward and present the new scenario.

* Preserves funding for renewal higher performing projects, determined by our APR and monitoring results
* The CoC prioritizes what is important to the CoC
* Attempts to keep as many projects funded as possible, because as it stands now, a PSH project rather than a TH-substance abuse specific project straddles Tier 1 and Tier 2. A PSH project will score higher in Tier 2 than a TH project, therefore causing less risk.

Motion: To amend rating and ranking process document

Moved First: Bryan Stephens Seconded By: Judge Green None Opposed

Motion: To adopt scenario 3 for final ranking

Moved First: Judge Green Seconded By: Karen Carter None Opposed

***GA HMIS Steering Committee***

Carolyn Bridges and Joan Toder have been serving on the GA HMIS Steering Committee for our CoC. The committee has developed by-laws which states on page 2, section 3, 2nd bullet and page 5, section 4, #1 to appoint two members from each CoC to represent the Continuum in GA HMIS decision-making. The Board felt we should be consistent and follow the process.

Motion: To appoint Carolyn and Joan to serve on the GA HMIS Steering Committee

Moved First: Judge Green Seconded By: Bryan Stephens None Opposed

***Governance Charter***

We needed to vote on changes to the GA-506 Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care Governance Charter on page 3, #2.

1. Designating and operating an Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):
2. Designate a single HMIS for the geographic area

The Pathways Compass Rose/MISI is the designated HMIS for the GA-506 Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care.

1. Designate an eligible applicant to manage the CoC’s HMIS, which will be known as the HMIS Lead.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs (under Georgia Housing and Finance Authority) is designated as the HMIS Lead with roles and responsibilities of the HMIS Lead and the Continuum of Care outlined in the GA HMIS Steering Committee By-laws.

Motion: To amend the governance charter on page 3 #2

Moved First: Jeri Barr Seconded By: Tyler Driver None Opposed

***Advisory Council***

The council is continuing to meet. Their focus is awareness, fundraising, and advocacy.

Their next meeting is December 9.

***Announcements/General Discussion***

* Cobb Collaborative/CoC general membership meeting on December 9 from 11:30-1:00 at MUST Ministries

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be January 19 at noon at the Mansour Conference Center.

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| **Action Item** | **POC** | **Closure Date** |
| Send minutes  | Lee Freeman-Smith | January meeting  |
| Send 2016 meeting dates (calendar invites)  | Lee Freeman-Smith | January meeting  |