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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 16, 2021**

**Zoom Call**

**Minutes**

**Members Attending**: Tracey Atwater, Irene Barton, Carolyn Bridges, Erica Green, Tyler Driver, Melanie Kagan, Cheryl Musial, Dayna Parker, Veronica Sigalo, Bryan Stephens, Falecia Stewart, Marcy Stidum, Ashley Williams, Katricee Maples, Nicole Lawson, Kelsey Thompson-White

**Staff** **Attending**: Lee Smith (CFR), Joan Toder (CFR), Cherry Dabney (MUST)

***Welcome***

Marcy Stidum, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

***Attendance and Proxy***

Irene Barton confirmed attendance and quorum was in place.

***Minutes***

Irene Barton presented the December 15, 2020 minutes.

Motion: To accept the December 15, 2020 minutes.

Moved First: Dayna Parker Seconded By: Bryan Stephens None Opposed

***HUD Updates***

Carolyn Bridges shared that we received the FY20 renewals and planning project for a total of $2,342,942. The waiver was accepted for the 2021 unsheltered count and we will only conduct the sheltered count. Training for the sheltered count occurred on January 25 and 26 with the count following on January 27. Joan will collect the sheltered data from each organization and compile the data.

Carolyn and Lee have met with the HUD TA to discuss the strategic framework to gain guidance about the plan. She felt we were on track but felt it was a 3-year plan and to focus on 1-2 goals to begin.

Since we are a small CoC with limited staff, she encouraged board committees and bringing in community leaders to help make progress. While there are CoC’s similar to us, they all look different depending on their community needs. Some are managed by the County and some are under a non-profit.

While we understand it is not realistic to end homelessness, we need to have a shared strategy to have the capacity to address homelessness in our county.

Motion: To adopt the strategic framework and create a survey to prioritize our goals and next steps

Moved First: Melanie Kagan Seconded By: Veronica Sigalo None Opposed

Cheryl Musial offered to create the survey and will share with all.

***Coordinated Entry***

Cherry Dabney shared the current stats: 94 households; 34 families and 60 individuals. CFR, Cobb CSB, Hope Atlanta, MUST, and Zion Keepers are all receiving referrals. We will continue to offer telephone intake for coordinated entry for permanent housing projects.

***Street Outreach/Winter Shelter***

We have been meeting with MUST Ministries, The Zone, Hope Atlanta, and Zion Keepers since they are currently receiving ESG COVID funds for street outreach. They each have hired street outreach coordinators and are targeting different areas so more can be served. They are providing hygiene kits, blankets, socks, hand warmers, and food. Also, connecting them to additional services if requested like employment, housing, etc.

MUST Ministries has been open 35 nights for the winter shelter and has served 236 individuals. They are averaging 15-17 per night and have only been at capacity one time. Majority of them are single men and have only served 1 family in a hotel. They can serve 25 men, 10 women, and families with children will be placed in hotels.

***Community Restoration Project***

As the CoC, we are always looking for additional partners and housing resources to serve Cobb residents. We invited Phillip Hunter, CEO, to share about their housing projects.

They have established 5 leases at Sierra Forest in the 30126 area to house families through their rental subsidy program and provide a rent subsidy for 1 year. (up to $300 per month) This program will provide rental support so the family can save, work own goals, and maintain. They have also partnered with SPARC & Star-C to provide the Motel 2 Home Project for deposits and 1st months’ rent up to $2,000 to allow individuals and families to secure permanent housing.

***HMIS Updates***

Joan Toder reviewed the report chart and timeline for due dates. Please send draft to Joan prior to final APR due date so an initial review can occur. The LSA report was submitted the end of January and the systems performance measures report will be due March 1. She is collecting the PIT Count sheltered data and will be compiling that report and the housing inventory.

***Next Meeting-*** Board Meeting- April 20, 12pm via Zoom

**Adjourn**- 1:15pm