



Fulton County Continuum of Care

Board Meeting

January 15, 2025, Minutes

Virtual Zoom

ATTENDANCE

William Matson, Kyle Jenkins – Civitas, Sheila Louder – Secretary CoC Board, Amanda Van Dalen, Manfred Michel-Board Member, Mike Cortes- CoC Board Member, Chris Portis- CoC Board Member, Kathy Woerner- CoC Board Member, Maggie Goldman – Chair CoC Board, Kareemah Hanifa- CoC Board Member; Yolanda Johnson-PITC Chair, Lucy Hall-CoC Board Member, Tanya Morris- CoC Board Member, Valarie Dickson, Amritha Alladi Joseph, Yolonda Addison, Erich Chatham, Derrick Holloway

Facilitator:

Tanya Morris

Fulton County Department of Community Development Staff:

Mia Redd, Eric Edwards, Joyce Buehner, Stanley Wilson, Dawn Butler

I.	OPENING: Maggie Goldman
II.	Member Roll Call: Secretary Shelia Louder
III.	MEMBERSHIP MOTION REQUESTED ACTION: Approval – November 20, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes 2.REQUESTED ACTION: Approval- Merge HMIS & Data Committee with the System Performance Measures Committee Discussion • The group reviewed the proposed action to merge the HMIS and Data Committee with the Systems Performance Measures Committee. • The rationale presented emphasized overlapping responsibilities between the two committees and the desire to streamline processes rather than duplicate efforts. • Members were reminded that detailed write-ups for all actions were included in their packets. Motion • Kathy Woerner made a motion to approve the merger as presented in writing. • Manfred Michel seconded the motion. Vote • All in favor: Aye (including Lucy Hall). • Abstentions: None. • Opposed: None. Outcome • The motion to merge the HMIS and Data Committee with the Systems Performance Measures Committee passed unanimously. 3. REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Adoption of a Board Seating Process and Procedure and Recruitment Schedule Board Seating Process

Key Updates

1. Committee Leadership

- **Bill (William Mattson)**, Executive Director at Pathways MSI, agreed to **chair the CoC committee**.
- Clarification: Bill goes by “Bill,” full name William Mattson.

2. Board Seating Process

- Goal: Establish a **clear, consistent, and concise process** for seating board members.
- **Frequency**: Once per year (typically starting at the August membership meeting), unless vacancies drop below the minimum required.
- **Participation**: Interested individuals can attend board meetings and join committees **before official board approval** to stay engaged.

Discussion Points

Application Questions Numbering Issue

- Slide referenced questions starting at #10; missing 1–9 caused confusion.
- Clarification: Full application includes earlier questions (basic info like name/contact). Slide only showed selected questions.
- Typo in numbering on Fulton County steps (should be 6–10, not 7–11).
- **Corrections**
 - Updated version of the process document exists, but the board packet may have included an older version.
 - No content changes, only numbering and reference updates needed.

Decisions

- **Vote on Board Seating Process:**
Tabled until next meeting to allow:
 - Corrections to numbering.
 - Inclusion of full application for reference.
 - Updated slide deck in next board packet.

Action Items

- **Dawn Butler:**
 - Ensure corrected version and application reference are included in next packet.
- **Tanya Morris:**
 - Communicate that interested individuals can engage in committees and meetings before official board voting.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Review corrected process and vote.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval – FY 25 NOFO Application Projects Presenter: Kyle Jenkins

Topic: FY24-25 NOFO Reissue & Implications for CoC

Key Points

1. Background

- HUD released FY25 NOFO with major changes (caps on permanent housing, new project types).
- Lawsuit filed against HUD → Court issued injunction preventing FY25 NOFO implementation.
- HUD reissued FY24-25 NOFO (two-year NOFO) to comply with court order.

2. Current Status

- FY24 application will carry forward for FY25 funds.
- Deadline: February 9, 2026.
- No full CoC application required this year.
- No new funding (no COC bonus or DV bonus).
- Eligible project types: PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, HMIS, CES.
- New project types (SSO, standalone TH) not eligible.

3. Local Impact

- Renewal projects will continue as-is unless:
- Voluntary reallocation requested.
- Performance issues require forced reallocation.
- No major performance issues identified.
- No voluntary reallocations reported.
- Recommendation: No reallocations for FY25.

4. Future Outlook

- Expect FY26 NOFO to mirror FY25 changes (caps on permanent housing, new priorities).
- Prepare for significant changes in next cycle.

5. Action Items

- **Reasoning:**
 - No major performance issues or voluntary reallocations.
 - Anticipated major changes in FY2026 NOFO → avoid unnecessary adjustments now.
- **Conflict of Interest:**
 - Grantees recused themselves from voting.

IV	Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 25 Notice of Funding Opportunity Strategic Plan Civitas- Strategic Plan decision (Presenter: Maggie Blake) • Decision: Send the draft strategic plan to full CoC membership for feedback before board adoption. • Rationale: ○ Promotes transparency and inclusion. ○ Encourages member engagement and committee participation. • Next Steps: ○ Email blast to membership with draft plan and feedback instructions. ○ Collect comments and incorporate valid suggestions before final adoption.
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V.	2026 Point In Time Count (Presenters: Kelvin Thompson & Yolanda Johnson) • North Fulton: ○ Logistics finalized, strong municipal engagement, food trucks secured, outreach flyers planned. • South Fulton: ○ Command center confirmed, operational plan ready, walk-in process established (training required before deployment). • Action: ○ Board members encouraged to register and complete training for PIT participation. ○ Registration link to be emailed to board members.
VI.	CoC Board of Director's Conflict of Interest • Reminder: ○ All board and membership members must sign annual conflict of interest forms by end of January. ○ Forms emailed separately for convenience.
VII.	Permanent Supportive Housing Update • Update: ○ FY2023 projects closing out; FY2024 projects now active. ○ Providers have 90 days to complete close-out paperwork.
VIII.	CoC Membership Meeting Minutes (December 18, 2025) • Vote Outcome: ○ Motion passed with majority approval (5 yes votes, 1 abstention, quorum confirmed).
IX.	CoC 2026 Meeting Schedules • Reminder: The schedule for all CoC meetings in 2026 was sent out as an attachment. • Action: Board members should review and add dates to their calendars. Presenter: Kelvin Thompson (on behalf of Maggie Blake) SPARC Initiative Update SPARC Initiative (Presenter: Kelvin Thompson) Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center. Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center, based in Norcross, DeKalb County • Organization: SPARC (Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center) • Proposal: Conduct an assessment and count of individuals, families, and children living in extended-stay motels in North and South Fulton. • Purpose: Gather data on demographics, living conditions, and needs to inform policy and funding decisions.

	• Estimated Cost: ~\$230,000 (covers 200 hotels). • Background: Similar project in DeKalb County surveyed 700+ families (60% single moms, 82% with children), funded by DeKalb Commission for \$120,000. • Next Steps: Maggie presented a high-level overview to Fulton County Commission; more details to follow.
X.	Open Forum: Member Updates & Remarks • Governor's Announcement: ○ Significant funding planned to address homelessness in Georgia ahead of FIFA 2026. ○ Board discussed lessons learned from past events (e.g., Olympics) and need for advocacy. • City of East Point Update: ○ Emphasis on retention strategies and funding challenges for maintaining housing stability. • Proposal: ○ Conduct assessment of families living in extended-stay motels in North & South Fulton. ○ Estimated cost: \$230,000; modeled after successful DeKalb County project. • Purpose: ○ Gather data to inform funding and policy decisions. ○ Address hidden homelessness and improve service strategies. Next Steps • Distribute strategic plan draft to membership for feedback. • Email PIT registration link to board members. • Collect signed conflict of interest forms by January 31. • Prepare for FY2026 NOFO changes and SPARC initiative discussions
XI.	Meeting adjourned. • Next General Membership Meeting: March 19, 2026, at 10 a.m. • The meeting time: 10:09 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. • Minutes taken by: Eric Edwards