

**GEORGIA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Atlanta, Georgia

June 14, 2023

Conference Call Number (1-844-992-4726; Mtg# is 2633 183 5478)

Present (teleconference)

Linda Boswell
Rachel Castillo
Tammie Collins
Chad Cheshire
Matthew Elder
Jimiyu Evans
Andrea Giese-Sweat
Philip Gilman
Alison Goldey
Sondra Hampton
Eric McGhee
Wayne Mack
Maxwell Ruppensburg
Michelle Stanley
Charlotte Woody

Absent

Kristy Carter
Diane Rogers
Brendon Tate

Collaborative Applicant Staff (teleconference)

Amanda Brand
Isaac Davis
Aashish Gautam
Josh Gray
Rick Heermans
Tina Moore
Keveja Thomas
Cordaryl Turner

Guests (teleconference)

Jenny Wood & John Solberg-FaithBridge Foster Care
Kelsey Taylor-F.A.I.T.H.
Ebony Harris-YESS for Youth
Michael Fisher & Chrystal Coker-Ninth District Opportunity
Paula Howell-Project Infinity
Sharon Scott-CSRA EOA
Daniel Donathan-Legacy BHS
Lori Ane Campbell-Salvation Army Gwinnett
Tameyer Evans-DFACS
Gail Seifert-Ware Children’s Initiative
Leslie Hartman & Chelsea Parker-Safe Harbor
Doug Belisle-Good Neighbor Shelter
Megan VandeBogert-Hope Thru Soap
Yurshema Flanders-LAMP
Jim Lindenmayer-Cherokee County American Legion
Katheryn Preston & Jasper Preston-GA Alliance to End Homelessness

The special meeting of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Board (the “Board”) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chad Cheshire at 3:02 p.m. This meeting was held virtually.

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 provided the following update to the Agenda that was sent out:

- Discussion Item #1 of the Agenda would not be an action item, because the results have not been finalized yet.
- Josh Gray will provide a status update, and an e-mail vote to finalize funding recommendations for the 2023 Balance of State CoC YHDP Local Application Results for HUD funding will be scheduled soon.

Chairperson Cheshire noted that he would be serving as the proxy for Matthew Elder for the meeting. Rachel Castillo and Tammie Collins reported that they would be abstaining from any votes or discussion.

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. There were no additional comments from the public.

Chairperson Cheshire called on Josh Gray to discuss the status of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application scoring and review. Mr. Gray reported that due to the overwhelming response and the number of applications received, the Youth Action Board (YAB) members have requested more time to complete their review and make final recommendations. Mr. Gray noted that there are 21 projects within the proposals submitted to evaluate, which is far more than were anticipated. In addition to the YAB review, three volunteers from the CoC Board volunteered to review applications as well. Mr. Gray thanked Matthew Elder, Charlotte Woody, and Diane Rogers for their efforts as everything had to be completed in a very short amount of time. In addition, last week the YAB interviewed the twelve (12) applicants as part of the process.

Mr. Gray reported that a total of 17 project applications were received, and DCA staff completed applicant capacity and threshold reviews for each of them. Of the 17 applications submitted, one application was not reviewed as it did not pass the initial threshold review. Some of the applications combined different eligible activities into one proposal instead of submitting separate ones. As a result, there are 21 possible submissions that need to be evaluated. The 21 possible projects include the following:

- 5 Joint Component Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing (TH-RRH)
- 1 Rapid Re-housing (RRH)
- 1 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- 1 Permanent Supportive Housing
- 13 Supportive Services Only (SSO)

Of the Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, SSO project types can be broken down as follows:

- 3 SSO Diversion
- 5 SSO Drop-in Centers (providing a number of services but not housing)
- 2 SSO Navigation (assisting youth to navigate complex systems while seeking assistance)
- 3 SSO Outreach (reaching youth on the streets and other areas to provide case management and navigation assistance)

Mr. Gray briefly reviewed the applications and their proposed service areas and noted that each of the 5 Balance of State CoC regions were represented by one or more applications. Mr. Gray reported that staff will be meeting with the YAB members on June 15 to finalize the results and get their approval. Reviews will include looking at each project for adherence to YHDP principles and demonstration of a youth-centered focus. Following this process, all applicants will then be notified of the final funding decisions of the YAB and Board of Directors. Mr. Gray noted that applications requests exceeded funding available, so it unclear where the funding line will fall once adjustments are made.

Mr. Gray noted that staff will then immediately start working with applicants to make edits to application narratives and budgets to ensure that HUD approval will be likely after submission. All project applications will need to be entered into e-snaps by June 30 and staff will work to make sure that information

corresponds with any budget adjustments made prior to that date. Mr. Gray asked to Board to please be on the lookout for the email vote. Jimiyu Evans thanked everyone for their efforts including staff, volunteers and the YAB. Mr. Evans noted that he is looking forward to eventually having these resources available to assist youth throughout the continuum.

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 3:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will on August 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chad Cheshire

Signature

Chairperson

Title