

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

Atlanta, Georgia

August 9, 2022

Conference Call Number (1-844-992-4726; Mtg# is 2631 510 3074)

Present (teleconference)

Shannon Candler
 Kristy Carter
 Rachel Castillo
 Tammie Collins
 Tonya Curry
 Jimiyu Evans
 Bert Flewellen
 Alison Goldey
 Sondra Hampton
 Wayne Mack
 Joan Oxley
 Diane Rogers
 Daniel Rosebud
 Maxwell Ruppensburg
 David Whisnant
 Charlotte Woody

Absent

Linda Boswell
 Chad Cheshire
 Eric McGhee

Collaborative Applicant Staff (teleconference)

Amanda Brand
 Isaac Davis
 Aashish Gautam
 Josh Gray
 Rick Heermans
 Tina Moore
 Diana Pitcher
 Cordaryl Turner
 Daphne Walker

Guests (teleconference)

Lakeisha Jones, Carolyn Booth, & Janeane Schmidt- Salvation Army
 David-Lee Mattison & Leah Baker- HOPE Atlanta
 Allyson Borges & Deana Wimbish- Highland Rivers BH
 Alejandra Manzanares- Housing Authority of the City of Dalton
 Christy Day- Bridge of Tiftarea
 Langston Leake- City of Covington
 Chrystal Coker- Ninth District Opportunity
 Jim Lindenmayer- Post 45, American Legion, Canton
 Teresa Smith- S.H.A.R.E. House
 Viva Steded- Unison BH
 Randy Weldon- Southwest GA Community Action Council
 Margaret Zeisig- United Way NW GA
 Tameyer Evans- GA DFCS
 Bernice Cox- McIntosh Trail CSB
 Britt Aliperti- Project Community Connections
 Sharon Scott- CSRA EOA
 Stephanie Kaple- Union Mission
 Suzanne Dow- GA Mountain Women’s Center
 Whitney McGinniss- PADV
 Carol Collard- CaringWorks
 Bailey Dickinson

The special meeting of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Board (the “Board”) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tonya Curry at 8:32 a.m.

Chairperson Curry welcomed board members, thanked everyone for participating in this meeting, and conducted a roll call of the board members in attendance. Diane Rogers joined the meeting following the roll call.

Chairperson Curry 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 Curry called on Josh Gray and Tina Moore to review the 2022 Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Special Competition. Mr. Gray provided an overview of the Special CoC Competition for both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and Rural Homelessness Set Aside funding opportunities to include funding available, eligible project types, HUD scoring of CoCs and the funding process of each set aside, and participant eligibility. Mr. Gray reviewed the BoS CoC's proposed responses to some of the competition requirements and related policies and the process HUD proposes to use to fund under each set-aside.

Mr. Gray and Ms. Moore provided an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) overarching policy priorities highlighted in the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) regarding unsheltered homelessness, unsheltered homelessness and individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe services needs in rural areas, providing assistance on tribal lands, involving a broad array of stakeholders in the CoC's efforts to reduce homelessness, advancing equity, and use a housing first approach. Ms. Moore discussed meeting with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on August 3, 2022, to update and finalize the proposed competition policy and process, application documents and scoring criteria, both Addendum documents, and other materials. Referring to materials in the board book (Tab A) emailed to the Board, Ms. Moore discussed the overall competition and then provided an overview of the proposed Balance of State CoC Competition policy and process as they relate to HUD's Special NOFO and federal priorities. Ms. Moore discussed federal priorities as they relate to the prioritization of those with severe service needs; policy priorities for leveraging housing and healthcare and Collaborative Applicant work to secure written commitments; policy priorities for advancing equity; requirement to be Housing First; and the proposed allowance to apply for PSH development activities under the Rural Set Aside. Ms. Moore discussed scoring for agency capacity and proposed competition policy around the prioritization of projects in groupings for each set aside, incentives for agencies to partner with the CoC in the coordination of a homeless count, and other bonus points available. Ms. Moore reviewed the proposed scoring criteria, proposed review application forms, threshold criteria for all applicants, threshold criteria and requirements for the Rural Homelessness Set Aside, threshold criteria for the new Joint TH and RRH Component Projects, and other competition materials. Ms. Moore reported that, given the timeline, staff has scheduled a meeting of the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee for the special competition on September 21, 2022, and Josh Gray will cover this information with the Board later in the agenda.

Ms. Moore requested the Board's approval of the Special NOFO competition policy and process, reallocation policy, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, scoring criteria, review application forms, and other related materials for new projects as recommended by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on August 3, 2022.

A motion to approve the proposed Special NOFO competition policy and process, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, scoring criteria, competition documents, and other related materials as recommended by the Standards Rating and Project Selection Committee, and to open the Balance of State CoC Competition was made by Shannon Candler and seconded by Sondra Hampton. The Chairperson called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Curry called on Josh Gray and Tina Moore to review the 2022 Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Annual Competition. Mr. Gray provided an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) overarching policy priorities highlighted in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) regarding ending homelessness for all persons, using a housing first approach, reducing unsheltered homelessness, improving system performance, partnering with housing, health, and service agencies, racial equity, improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals, persons with lived experience, and increasing affordable housing supply. Mr. Gray reviewed the BoS CoC's proposed responses in addressing these priorities in the competition.

Ms. Moore discussed meeting with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on August 5, 2022, to update and finalize the proposed competition policy and process, application documents and scoring criteria, both Addendum documents, and other materials. Referring to materials in the board book (Tab B) emailed to the Board, Ms. Moore discussed the overall competition and then provided an overview of the proposed Balance of State CoC Competition policy and process as they relate to HUD's NOFO and federal priorities. Ms. Moore discussed the permanent housing priority, HUD's two Tier System for project ranking (relocation and bonus amounts for Tier 2), federal priorities as it relates to Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding, the permanent housing bonus project opportunity, bonus points for leveraging housing and healthcare resources, the Domestic Violence (DV) bonus opportunity, threshold criteria, threshold criteria for Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects, and scoring for agency capacity. Ms. Moore discussed the scoring criteria around using project performance to score and rank projects, the proposed policy to reduce or reallocate projects for low performance or underutilization, and consideration of returns to homelessness. Ms. Moore discussed proposed competition policy around the prioritization of projects in groupings, incentives for agencies to partner with the CoC in the coordination of a homeless count, incentives for applicants to prioritize Veterans or Youth-headed households, and other bonus points available. Ms. Moore reviewed the proposed scoring criteria for new and renewal projects, proposed review application form for new projects, threshold criteria for the new Joint TH and RRH Component Projects, and other competition materials. Ms. Moore reported that, given the timeline, staff has scheduled a meeting of the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee for the annual competition on September 8, 2022, and Josh Gray will cover this information with the Board later in the agenda.

Ms. Moore requested the Board's approval of the Annual NOFO competition policy and process, reallocation policy, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, scoring criteria, review application forms, and other related materials for new and renewal projects as recommended by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on August 5, 2022.

A motion to approve the proposed Annual NOFO competition policy and process, reallocation policy, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, scoring criteria, competition documents, and other related materials as recommended by the Standards Rating and Project Selection Committee, and to open the Balance of State CoC Competition was made by Dave Whisnant and seconded by Shannon Candler. The Chairperson called for a vote, and the motion passed with fourteen ayes. Jimiyu Evans abstained from the vote.

Chairperson Curry called on Josh Gray to review the Next Board Meeting (Tab C). Mr. Gray reported that two meetings would be needed of the Board to review and vote on the results for each competition. Mr. Gray also noted the date of the next regular Board meeting, which is August 24, 2022.

Mr. Gray reported that, for the 2022 CoC Annual Competition at the next meeting of the Board, the Board will need to review and vote on Committee recommendations regarding the results of the competition, project ranking (as a result of policy and scoring criteria established at this meeting), funding reallocations, and submission BoS CoC application to HUD. Mr. Gray noted that given the timeline, staff will be meeting with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on September 8, 2022. Mr. Gray requested the Board's consideration to reschedule the August 24th meeting for the first meeting and requested the Board's availability for the proposed dates of September 12 or 13, 2022.

Mr. Gray then reported that, regarding the 2022 Special CoC Competition at the next meeting of the Board, they will need to review and vote on Committee recommendations regarding the results of the special competition, project ranking (as a result of policy and scoring criteria established at this meeting), and submission of the Special BoS CoC application to HUD. Mr. Gray also reported that any development projects submitted in the final project ranking for the Rural Set Aside would require a CoC Letter of Support of development activities with details about how the project would comply with Section 3. Mr. Gray noted that given the timeline, staff will be meeting with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on September 21, 2022. Mr. Gray requested the Board's consideration and availability for the proposed dates of September 28 or 29, 2022, to vote on the results of the 2022 Special CoC Competition.

Shannon Candler suggested that, rather than identifying any dates at this meeting, Collaborative Applicant staff first poll Board members on their availability as not all were present. After brief discussion, it was agreed to do this prior to finalizing the dates for both of these meetings.

A motion to approve rescheduling the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting from August 24, 2022, to either September 12th or 13th as determined by the Board was made by Shannon Candler and seconded by Daniel Rosebud. The Chairperson called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

The date for the second called Board meeting regarding the Special NOFO competition will be set after the Board is polled on their availability.

Chairperson Curry asked if there was any old business. No old business was presented to the Board for consideration.

Chairperson Curry then asked for new business. No new business was presented to the Board for consideration.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be scheduled for a date yet to be determined in September based upon Board member availability.


Signature
Chairperson
Title