

GEORGIA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Atlanta, Georgia
September 29, 2022
Conference Call Number (1-844-992-4726; Mtg# is 2632 589 8678)

Present (teleconference)

Linda Boswell
 Shannon Candler
 Kristy Carter
 Rachel Castillo
 Tammie Collins
 Tonya Curry
 Jimiyu Evans
 Bert Flewellen
 Joan Oxley
 Maxwell Ruppensburg
 Charlotte Woody

Absent

Chad Cheshire
 Alison Goldey
 Sondra Hampton
 Eric McGhee
 Wayne Mack
 Diane Rogers
 Daniel Rosebud

Collaborative Applicant Staff (teleconference)

Amanda Brand
 Jimmeica Douglas
 Josh Gray
 Rick Heermans
 Tina Moore
 Diana Pitcher
 Cordaryl Turner

Guests (teleconference)

Whitney McGinniss - PADV
 Kathy Thornton - Bridge Health
 Allyson Borges - Highland Rivers Behavioral Health
 Katie Collins - Carrollton Housing Authority
 Erin Langley - Carrollton Housing Authority
 Chrystal Coker - Ninth District Opportunity
 Teresa Stephens - Ninth District Opportunity
 Kimberly Poff - Volunteer Behavioral Health System
 Teresa Smith - S.H.A.R.E. House
 Sharon Scott - CSRA EOA
 Latresa White - Salvation Army
 Lori Ane Campbell - Salvation Army
 Carolyn Booth - Salvation Army
 Jenny Wood - FaithBridge Foster Care
 Britt Aliperti - PCCI
 Wanzina Jackson - Macon-Bibb Economic Community Development
 Suzanne Dow - GA Mountain Women's Center
 Patricia Henry - Douglas County CSB

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 10:04 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.

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 to review the 2022 Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Special Competition Results. Mr. Gray noted that there were two funding set-asides within the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). One funding set aside is to address Unsheltered Homelessness and the other funding set aside is to address Rural Homelessness. Referencing meeting materials distributed to the Board behind Tab A (*2022 Georgia Balance of State Special NOFO Project Application Priority Ranking DRAFT – Rural Homelessness Set Aside and Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside; 2022 Balance of State CoC Special NOFO Competition Project Scoring and Ranking (DRAFT); 2022 Balance of State CoC Special Competition Conditional Results (DRAFT); 2022 Balance of State CoC Special Competition Threshold Notes (DRAFT); and Backup Data - BoS 2022 NEW Special App Scores*), Mr. Gray reviewed the scoring results of the special competition and project review by the application review sub-committees. Mr. Gray reported that twelve project applications were received and sent to the application review sub-committees to be scored in accordance with policy set by the Board at the meeting on August 9, 2022. DCA staff conducted reviews for applicant capacity, the proposed budgets, and potential bonus points and shared these with the reviewers. Staff collected scores from review team members for each new project submitted under the Special Competition on September 14, 2022. On September 21, 2022, the results of the competition, project ranking, and recommended adjustments were reviewed with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee who approved them and recommended they move forward to the Board.

Mr. Gray reviewed the ranking results for renewal permanent housing project applications which includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for street outreach (SSO-SO), coordinated entry (SSO-CE), and Standalone, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and CoC Planning. Using project application review scores, projects included in the final rankings were ranked in tiered groupings as determined in the BoS Competition Policy based on funding set aside. Groupings under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside are: Group 1 – 1 New RRH, 1 New Standalone SSO, 1 New SSO-CE, & 1 New SSO-SO (based on score) and Group 2 – 1 New HMIS project and 1 New CoC Planning project (No projects were placed in Group 3). Projects listed under the Rural Homelessness Set Aside were ranked based on score (2 New PSH, 1 New Standalone SSO, 1 New SSO-CE, & 1 New SSO-SO).

Mr. Gray reported that eleven projects are listed in the final rankings with one new project determined not to have met the required minimum threshold requirements. Of the eleven projects in the final ranking, six projects requested funding under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and five projects requested funding under the Rural Homelessness Set Aside. Under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside, four projects met threshold and were passed by the Review Team conditionally. The project listing/ranking also includes a HMIS and a CoC Planning project under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside, as approved in policy. Under the Rural Homelessness Set Aside, five projects met threshold and were passed by the Review Team conditionally. During the review process, it was determined that narrative and budget reviews and corrections were needed for the final applications in e-snaps, and budget corrections will change the final amounts requested from HUD. Mr. Gray reviewed the results of the conditional review and noted that if approved, DCA staff will provide technical assistance to applications in HUD's electronic application system e-snaps as appropriate. Mr. Gray noted that staff review will include making sure budgets and narratives align with application charts, funding requests are sufficient to cover the 3-year grant term, and projects will operate consistently with the CoC Plan for serving those with severe service needs.

Of the ten new project review applications submitted for scoring and ranking review, the application review sub-committee determined that one of the new projects (Rapid Re-Housing project), and subsequently a duplicate application submitted in e-snaps, did NOT meet threshold. Mr. Gray reviewed threshold issues for the new project application in detail.

The total proposed request, pending adjustments to new projects, is over \$15.2 million, which includes \$10.2 million under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and almost \$5 million under the Rural Homelessness Set Aside. Mr. Gray requested the Board's approval of the results of the competition, final ranking and determinations, and recommended adjustments of the 2022 Balance of State CoC Special Competition. There was some discussion on technical assistance for applicants, and Mr. Gray noted there were several webinars were held at the beginning of the application period that covered extensively what is and is not eligible under the NOFO.

A motion to approve the results, final ranking and determinations, and recommended adjustments for the 2022 Balance of State CoC Special Competition as proposed by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee was made by Shannon Candler and seconded by Jimiyu Evans. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Curry then called on Mr. Gray to review the Balance of State CoC Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Memorandum of Understandings (MOU): 1. Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension Agreement with Albany Housing Authority; and 2. Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Public Housing Authority (PHA). Mr. Gray reviewed the Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension documents (Tab B), that would extend both MOUs that the Balance of State CoC Board approved on July 21, 2021, in support of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. Both the Georgia Department of Community Affairs PHA and the Housing Authority of the City of Albany received an award of EHV vouchers to provide tenant-based housing vouchers for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or who were recently homeless, where assistance will prevent homelessness or housing instability. The Balance of State CoC responsibilities include designating and maintaining a lead EHV liaison to communicate with the PHAs, coordinated entry system referrals to PHAs, applicant support in the submission of applications to PHAs, attendance at EHV participant briefings as needed, household assessment mainstream benefits, identification of services for EHV families, and compliance with the provisions of this MOU.

Mr. Gray requested that the Board approve both the Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension Agreement with Albany Housing Authority and the Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension with the Georgia DCA PHA. The end date for the program would then be September of 2023. There was brief discussion on the process to apply, and Mr. Gray noted that DCA's website outlines all voucher requirements in an effort to screen potential applicants and that there are community providers available to assist in the application process.

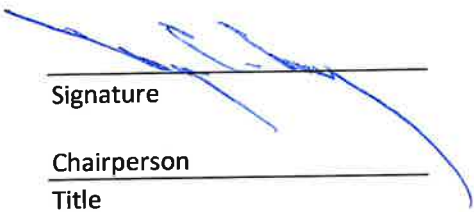
A motion to approve the Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension Agreement with Albany Housing Authority, as proposed was made by Shannon Candler and seconded by Kristy Carter. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Balance of State CoC EHV MOU Extension with the Georgia DCA PHA, as proposed was made by Maxwell Ruppensburg and seconded by Rachel Castillo. The Chairperson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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 10:31 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will on November 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Atlanta, Georgia.



Signature

Chairperson

Title