

**GA Balance of State CoC Assessment, Placement, and Services Committee Meeting  
June 30, 2015 / 10:30 – 12:30 AM  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
Board Room  
60 Executive Park South, NE; Atlanta, GA 30329**

Meeting Notes

**Welcome and Introductions** – Don Watt, Director, Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing

*Attendance:*

**Members Present:**

Martha Boyce, Carroll County Emergency Shelter; Nonprofit Service Provider; West, GA  
Kelley Henderson, Action Ministries; Nonprofit Service Provider; North, GA  
Katheryn Preston, Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness; Homeless Coalition; Statewide  
Mark Stone, Brother Charlie Rescue Center; Nonprofit Service Provider; South, GA  
Jimiyu Evans, Project Community Connections; Nonprofit Service Provider; Douglas, Gwinnett  
Counties (please note that the Executive Director participated in discussion for this meeting as  
Jimiyu's substitute)

**Members Not Participating:**

Daisy Jones, City of Hinesville; Local Government Service Provider; Southeast, GA  
Frederick Smith, New Horizons CSB; Mental Health Service Provider; Harris, Stewart Counties

**Collaborative Applicant Staff:**

Wesley Brooks, Department of Community Affairs  
Christy Hahn, Department of Community Affairs  
Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs  
Jeanette Pollock, Department of Community Affairs  
Don Watt, Department of Community Affairs

**Support Entity:**

Lindsey Stillman Barranco, PhD, Cloudburst Group  
Margaret Schuelke, Project Community Connections; Nonprofit Service Provider; Douglas, Gwinnett  
Counties

This meeting of the Assessment, Placement, and Services Committee began at 10:37 A.M.

Christy Hahn greeted the Committee and briefly reviewed the goals and objectives of the meeting. Ms. Hahn then introduced Lindsey Stillman Barranco, Ph.D. for the next agenda item.

Dr. Barranco provided an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Coordinated Entry Requirements. Dr. Barranco discussed the Federal regulations around Coordinated Entry. The group viewed two videos released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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Video: Coordinated Assessment - Philosophy Under the CoC and ESG Programs with Ann Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. The overarching point is that those that ask for help get the right intervention and we begin to look at a shift from Program Centric to Client Centric with an emphasis on ending homelessness for the chronic homeless, families and children and veterans.

Video: Coordinated Assessment – Models and Principles with Matt Aronson, Homeless Programs Specialist. Matt emphasized the need for flexibility to the degree needed that may include a No Wrong Door Model. Dr. Barranco discussed the big picture addressing client needs as a system.

Understanding the Current Homeless System of Care – Dr. Barranco

This discussion included data from the Point In Time (PIT) for 2013, 2014 and 2015 on Sheltered, Unsheltered and percent chronically homeless, Emergency and Transitional Beds and estimate of Unmet Needs to understand what and where the need is for the Balance of State.

Reviewed current systems for Carrollton, Tifton, and Douglas.

We discussed potential challenges that included:

- Large geographical area
  - o How to define regions
- Rural areas with limited resources
- Areas with no homeless services
- Limited transportation options
- Limited capacity/resources for some agencies
- Lack of resource to case manage folks, while waiting for housing
- Staff turnover with limited transmission or resource/information
- Once things start working, regulations shift and programs have to change
- Get all agencies to participate in HMIS
- Engagement of agencies receiving funding
- Identifying assessment and getting folks to use it in HMIS or another system
- Each state agency may require a separate system
- How to address existing system/needs for DV
- Everyone has their own system
- Knowing all the players at the table and their role/mission
- Balance the mission at a community level verses agency specific ( particularly those without funding)

Strategies discussed included:

- Pilot to demonstrate
- Value focused (why it's best for me)
- Get by-in for HMIS
- Make assessment short

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Christy Hahn then discussed what is currently in place in the Balance of State CoC with an emphasis on as we approach this project that we focus on baby steps. She discussed the current programmatic and technological implementations currently in place to support the Coordinated Entry process for the Balance of State.

#### Coordinated Entry Models in other Balance of State CoC's - Jeanette Pollock

She discussed various communities we may want to look at more closely. States presented included North Carolina Balance of State, West Virginia Balance of State, and Ohio Balance of State (along with Dayton and Franklin Counties in Ohio). The options included creating Regions that can be centralized, decentralized or a combination of both within a region.

#### Setting Goals for the Coordinated Assessment Model – Dr. Barranco

- Get feedback from the field, by DCA and regionally on what they are currently doing and what works
- Decide the best model
- Determine flexible components
- Use Natural Structures
- Determine Assessment tools (get examples)

#### Next Steps/Action Plan/Timeline – Christy Hahn & Jeanette Pollock

- A. Define guiding principles (Dr. Barranco)  
Specific project goal ➡ what is end goal?
- B. Determine Regions (Christy Hahn & Tina Moore)  
Pull together Coalitions, State Regions, etc.  
  
Pull together data on need
- C. Identify Sub-Committees and Assignments (Committee Members)  
Recruit additional stakeholders (including other State agencies)
- D. Define Key Steps & Timeline (TBD)
- E. Pull together other examples of other models/assessment (Jeanette Pollock & Dr. Barranco)  
Existing State assessments (one example is Strengthening Families)  
  
Existing tools from other Federal agencies (VA, PATH, etc.)  
  
Other CoC's (VI-SPDAT, etc.)

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Ask Committee Members to send/bring assessments from other databases comparable, DV, CSB, PATH, Case Management, etc.)

Standing meeting dates have not been determined at this time. The next meeting of the Assessment, Placement, and Services Committee is expected to be scheduled (after input from the Committee) the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

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**AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

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<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Don Watt	10:30am-10:35am
<b>Goals and Objectives of Meeting</b> Christy Hahn	10:35am-10:45am
<b>Overview of HUD Coordinated Entry Requirements</b> Lindsey Stillman Barranco, PhD	10:45am-11:00am
<b>Coordinated Entry Models in other BoS Continuums</b> Jeanette Pollock	11:00am-11:20am
<b>Understanding the Current Homeless System of Care</b> Lindsey Stillman Barranco, PhD	11:20am-12:05pm
<b>Setting Goals for the Coordinated Assessment Model</b> Lindsey Stillman Barranco, PhD	12:05pm-12:20pm
<b>Next Steps/Action Plan/Timeline</b> Christy Hahn/Jeanette Pollock	12:20pm-12:30pm

**Presenters:**

*Don Watt – Director, Office of Homeless & Special Needs Housing,*

Department of Community Affairs

*Jeanette Pollock – Manager, Special Projects*

Department of Community Affairs

*Christy Hahn – Manager, Planning*

Department of Community Affairs

*Lindsey Stillman Barranco, PhD – Manager, Public Health*

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