

Housing Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 17, 2018

137 Peachtree St. SW



Spencer Burton -Webb called meeting to order at 12:04pm at Fulton County Department of Health and Human Services.

Welcome and Introductions

- Spencer introduced Mr. Wagner to the Housing Committee

Discussion and Agenda Items

HOPWA Program Discussion

- Hosted by the Office of Grants Management, Office of Human Services, and the Mayor's Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion is hosting a Discussion on the HOPWA Program.
- Tuesday, August 21, @ 2pm
- 818 Pollard Blvd, SW, Atlanta, GA 30315
- RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/ATLHOPWA>
- City wants to hear your input, your challenges and how to improve them. There is a lot of discontent with the HOPWA program and the city wants to end that.
- Event will be a great opportunity to speak to the Leadership of OGM, OHS, and Equity Diversity and Inclusion.
- The discussion will be held in a tone of resolution and will be solution drive.

AID Atlanta TBRA Program

- TBRA Stands for Tenant Based Rental Assistance. It is a Rental subsidy used to help participants obtain permanent housing in the private rental housing market that meets housing quality standards and is rent reasonable. It works much like the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program . Assistance lasts up to 5 years and clients choose their own place as long as it is below the FMR including utility allowance. Spencer explains FMR Calculations, Rent Reasonableness, and Subsidy Calculations. Once unit is selected it must pass an Environmental Review (30 days max).

- For more information, consumers should contact their case manager. If they are not enrolled in case management, contact the Info Line at 800-551-2728 or the Housing Resource Information Specialist, Doreen Grossett at 404-870-7801 for more info.

Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

Spencer explains that Housing affordability and retention continue to be central issues in achieving equity in our region. In January 2018, a new taskforce was created to craft recommendations for the COA's Housing Strategy. There is a meeting on the 5th of September, at St. Luke Episcopal Church at 435 Peachtree St NE. They will share their recommendations, and they will be focusing specifically on Brookhaven, Lithonia, and Smyrna. House ATL will be hosting the event, and there is an RSVP link for individuals who are interested in attending.

Work Plan Discussion

- The Work plan is a plan put in place to improve the Housing climate for PLWHA (Ryan White participants). Spencer announces that they will begin to prep for Housing Fair taking place in 2019. He also explains that there is collaboration between Housing and Assessment regarding Housing Questions on Assessment survey.
- There is a plan to create a Resource Guide to assist those in their Housing Needs that include sources that are not connected to HOPWA.

Announcements

- There is a HRSA/H.O.M.E.S. Project through the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program, which supports the development of innovative models of HIV care and treatment to quickly respond to emerging needs of clients served by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs. It focuses on Housing and Employment, and is operated by Positive Impact Health Centers. It a 3-year program nearing the end of its first year. Erik Moore is the HRSA/HOMES Project Manager (Erik.Moore@PIHCGA.org) and Alphonso Mills is the Enrollment Coordinator
- Sandra Vincent explains that the meeting that will take place at the City of Atlanta will need official Representation, and that Vice Chair, Leroy Braxton, volunteered to be that official representation for the Housing Committee. She also explains that the Housing Fair will be deferred until 2019 due to the budget but it a commitment of the Housing Committee. Sandra also let the committee know that the 20th annual AAOI will take place on February 2nd, 2019. There will be a workshop with educating people about navigating the system

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Meeting date 8/17/18

Date approved 9/21/18

Attested by 

Spencer Burton-Webb, Chair

