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General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Luke Niday, who welcomed members and guests and reiterated the mission of the Homeless Task Force to collaboratively address homelessness in Augusta-Richmond County.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Members reviewed the May and June 2026 minutes and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Street Outreach Committee

The Street Outreach Committee reported completing two Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) events, during which six individuals who were connected with community resources and supportive services. Extended-hours outreach has been postponed until after Labor Day due to back-to-school activities and grant deadlines. An updated schedule will be shared with outreach team members. The committee celebrated several positive outcomes from recent outreach efforts. Tyrell was recognized for building strong connections with individuals experiencing homelessness. A'nessa also participated in the latest outreach, marking the first time two shelter representatives attended together. Their presence helped correct misconceptions about shelter eligibility and reassured individuals that shelter options remain available. Members interested in joining the Street Outreach Committee were encouraged to email the committee or indicate their interest during meeting sign-in. Additional volunteers are welcomed.

Governance Committee Update

The Governance Committee was unable to meet due to not meeting quorum. A survey has been sent out to all members on the committee to identify a day and time that is best for all to ensure attendance. Future meeting dates will be announced soon.

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Supportive Services Committee Update

The Supportive Services Committee reported receiving training on the 211 CSRA Resource Database. Members learned that community members can access available resources by calling 211, searching the online resource database, or printing resource information directly from the website. Organizations were encouraged to submit their agency information to be included in the database. Following submission, 211 staff will contact the organization to verify the information before it is published. Committee members noted that the training process is straightforward, requiring approximately five to ten minutes to complete. Organizations interested in learning more about the 211 CSRA Resource Database or scheduling a training session were encouraged to contact the committee.

Housing Committee Update

This committee chair is currently vacant, vote will take place at the end of the meeting with announcement of new chair and meeting dates will be announced soon.

CE Workgroup Update

Chair Luke Niday gave a brief update on the Coordinated Entry workgroup as they continue to work on what coordinated entry will look like for our community when it starts back up.

CoC Funding and HUD NOFO Update

The local competition is live and accepting application for the current CoC grant application. A reminder that the local competition will end on July 31, 2026 at 5pm and all submissions must be in by that time. An email was sent out to general membership on Monday, June 13, 2026 with a link to the application on Microsoft Forms. Members were asked to email Bethany Trapp at btrapp@uwcsra.org if they are still in need of the link, so they will have time to submit by the deadline.

HMIS Update

Members were informed of the upcoming integration between HMIS and GeorgiaUnify, a social care coordination platform developed by the Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN). The

integration will enhance coordination between community organizations, healthcare providers, and social service agencies by supporting electronic referral tracking, a statewide resource directory, and shared client information.

Organizations were reminded that participation in HMIS is not required to be included in the GeorgiaUnify Resource Directory. Nonprofit agencies interested in being added to the directory were encouraged to contact GaHIN for additional information.

Housing and Homeless Prevention Discussion

Latrell Adain with Housing & Community Development presented this update, announcing that the HCD staff has just finished programmatic training on homeless prevention and rapid rehousing funding and will be looking to take applications very soon. Mr. Adian announced that anyone needing this assistance should call United Way 2-1-1 for referrals.

Vote for replacement Officers

Olga Hernandez was elected vice-chairman.
Hally Ledford was elected Secretary.
Tyrell Boyd and Devarion Blount tied for Housing Committee Chair and elected to serve as Co-Chairs.

Announcements and Closing

Members were asked to share their upcoming events and meeting dates to be included on the backside of the next meeting's agenda being held August 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM.

Action Items

- Distribute the revised extended-hours outreach schedule following Labor Day.
- Recruit additional volunteers for the Street Outreach Committee.
- Encourage member agencies to participate in future outreach events.
- Promote use of the 211 CSRA Resource Database among partner organizations.
- Encourage agencies to submit and maintain current resource information within the 211 database.



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