**Election's Committee Progress**

The Election's Committee has made progress on several fronts. Recruitment tools have been developed, including a landing page on the CoC website and posts on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. The committee has also generated an outreach list and commenced targeted recruitment efforts. A candidate interest form is now available for those interested, allowing them to express their interest and receive follow-up information. Additionally, two Q&A sessions are planned to discuss the Governance Board and address any inquiries. The nomination form is currently under development, with the election timeline to be set during the next meeting on February 22nd.

**PIT Count**

LICH’s team of CoC Planning interns did a wonderful job coordinating this year’s PIT Count. There were 109 volunteers that were available to do the count and cover Long Island’s geography. Out of 216 completed surveys, initial analysis estimates 162 counted that were experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the day of January 24, 2024. The majority of those counted were in Suffolk County (over 100), with the greatest total number of people counted in Brentwood. Most people counted were identified as Hispanic/Latine (over 60), followed by those identified as white, and Black/African American or African. The vast majority of people counted were men (over 120).

**ETP Development**

The development of the Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) has progressed with an initial meeting to review the draft. Committee members have been recruited from various organizations, including domestic violence (DV) providers, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) providers, and Persons with Lived Experience (PLE). The committee includes representatives such as Gabby Fasano from SUS RRH, Chris Ferraiolo from Catholic Charities PSH, Shannon Boyle and Salina Barnao from New Ground (DV), Elizabeth Banzini from The Safe Center Long Island (DV CES), Tara Volino and Dionne Foster representing people with lived experience and others, including several LICH team members. A draft policy was reviewed on February 15th, with suggestions for edits from the full group. The policy will undergo review by the Lived Experience Advisory on March 14th before the next working group meeting.

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**Programs closing**

Several programs are facing closure due to the outcome of the CoC Funding Round. Three domestic violence programs—ECLI-VIBS (RRH), Circulo de la Hispanidad (TH-RRH), and Brighter Tomorrows (TH-RRH)—lost funding to continue. Circulo and Brighter Tomorrows remain CoC funded through separate Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects. All three projects have been recently monitored and plans are underway to provide CoC planning support as these projects wind down.

**Monitoring Update**

The monitoring committee has been making steady progress and has conducted monitoring visits with Hope for Youth TH-RRH, ECLI-VIBS RRH, SEPA Mujer RRH, Circulo de la Hispanidad RRH and TH-RRH, and Brighter Tomorrows RRH and TH-RRH. Feedback has been provided to Hope for Youth, ECLI-VIBS, and SEPA Mujer. Concerns have arisen regarding the Hope for Youth TH component's adherence to the housing first approach. Follow-up from the program is expected and will be reviewed with the Ranking Committee.

**HEALI: 1115 Waiver and Social Care Network Designation**

 A new Medicaid waiver dedicates $6.69 billion for health-related initiatives. Health Related Social Needs are new activities that can be reimbursed by Medicaid with $3.7 billion of the total waiver amount. This program requires the designation of a Social Care Network to lead a regional collaboration with health and social care ecosystems to bring together disparate systems. HEALI as a Social Care Network, will be screening Medicaid members for eligibility and using shared technology platform United Us to provide closed referral system. A subset of Medicaid members, including high Medicaid utilizers, people with chronic conditions, people enrolled in the Health Homes program, among others, will be eligible for additional services. The Health Equity Alliance of Long Island (HEALI) will be applying to a Social Care Network by 3/27. Awards will be announced in Jue for a contract that starts 8/2024 and ends 3/31/2027. HEALI is asking community-based organizations to join by completing a letter of intent and a survey designed to ensure the Social Care Network is meeting community needs. Community-based organizations are welcome to join United Us free to make and track referrals for their clients. The next HEALI meeting will be a Town Hall on 2/21 at 10am.

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