**May 21, 2021**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

**9:00am-10:15am**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** 
   * Please sign in via the chat for attendance purposes: name and agency
2. **CoC Funding Round**

* 2021 Funding Round Updates
  + Schedule a meeting with the Ranking Committee – anticipated for next week
    - Look at ranking tool and see if we need to improve the scoring for populations
  + Local Process – TBA
  + HUD expects to have additional funding for bonus funds and DV bonus funds

1. **Shelter Updates- SCDSS/NCDSS**

* Shelter Census / COVID Rates / Trends
  + Suffolk County Dept. of Social Services
    - Shelter closings – closed a few shelters based on low census at the current time
* Vaccine Distribution Planning / Northwell Coordination
  + Mobile Vaccine at MOMMA’s House – challenges with arrangements
  + Uber and Lyft – Free Rides to Vaccines 5/24 to 7/4
  + Barriers/Vaccine Hesitancy
    - FDA approval (lack-of)
    - Hours for Vaccine Opportunities – need to be later in the evening for those who are working during the day
    - Need to discuss convenience, locations, communities targeted, education, and promoting without being pushy
  + Collaboration with Northwell Health – Pfizer at 3 locations so far, mobile units have been J&J, but if they can set up the mobile van in 1 location, they can use Pfizer
    - Please contact Greta if you would like to have an additional planning meeting to go over this: [gguarton@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:gguarton@addressthehomeless.org)
    - Thanh sent out a survey vaccination form to gauge interest in agencies that were looking to have a mobile unit come on-site
      * Low response from survey

1. **CV Funding/Planning (ESG/CDBG)**
   * ERAP
     1. Town of Brookhaven – planning on working with the state with this program with OTDA
        1. ToB were told that they will get something at the beginning of next week (with the link and information) + a few organizations are planning to partner with
        2. June 1st application – The first 30 days are going to be geared to people that are at 30% of AMI, veterans, etc. After exceeding the 30 days, then it will be on a first come first served basis
        3. ToB – 28 million dollars, hopeful to use that money and be able to help our tenants and landlords
        4. Working with Access to Justice – Courts with Nassau/Suffolk Law Services
        5. Islip is running a program on their own, Town of Hempstead is partnering with LIHP, and Oyster Bay is going on their own too (8 jurisdictions throughout NC and SC – Emergency rental assistance funding through the Treasury and most are partnering with NYS (Brookhaven is one of those – those applications will be administered through NYS for most the state and LI except for Islip, Hempstead, and Oyster Bay who have their own process going on)
        6. These funds are available for rental arrears going back 12 months and going forward up to an additional 3 months (unlike ESG – does not have to be an imminent risk of eviction/court proof or 21-day notice)
           1. We are hopeful that at-risk clients can use this – helps tenants and landlords
           2. Landlords can apply on behalf of their tenants/in coordination with their tenants
           3. Prioritized for 50% of AMI and can go up to 80% of AMI
           4. This is a good resource so clients can get some of their arrears covered before the eviction moratorium lifts
     2. Nassau County
        1. State administer ERAP funds for NC except for Hempstead and Oyster Bay
        2. Hopeful application is up and running by June 1st
        3. Prefer to give this funding directly to landlords but do understand that if landlord is unwilling to work with program, to give those funds to the tenant (not ideal situation but it would be helpful either way)
        4. June 7th – to submit concerns with action plan, etc. to their office, if you were unable to attend the hearing from Wednesday and want the slides, please let Angel know
        5. [**http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/nyc/SSI/images/corona/HardshipDeclaration.pdf**](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/nyc/SSI/images/corona/HardshipDeclaration.pdf)
     3. Are there covid considerations for ERAP?
        1. Have not seen that, other than arrears go back 12 months and not prior to that
   * Project Hope
     1. NY State is partnering with 8 agencies in SC and 5 in NC
        1. LICH, MHAW, OLA, HCC, ECLI partnership with VIBS, etc. (Suffolk County)
        2. HCC, etc. (Nassau County)
        3. ECLI VIBS NY Project Hope Project Coordinator
           1. Lizette Acevedo 631-209-7872
           2. Team Leader Gina Ocello 631-213-1532
           3. Helpline 631-913-8655
           4. We are here to Talk Here to Listen and Here to Support! Please feel free to reach out
        4. [**https://www.facebook.com/empowerLI/posts/4682235218459141**](https://www.facebook.com/empowerLI/posts/4682235218459141)
2. **Eviction Moratorium** 
   * Eviction Moratorium Extended through August 31
   * CoC Draft Letter to Program Participants / Tenants
     1. Came up last meeting and have a draft of this letter so far and should be finalizing soon (to Governance Board)
     2. Will be used as a tool to provide guidance around eviction laws
3. **Coordinated Entry System**

* CES Team- LICH
  + 2 referrals for single, covid priority living on the street males (PSH for FREE)
  + 2 families moved in during the last month (PSH for Suburban)
  + 1 single male in NC referred to CoC vacancy with SAIL
  + 8 clients pulled from RRH waiting list
  + EOC Nassau – ESG RRH (hired staff, onboard, trained in HMIS, and close to running up their program)
  + CES Case Conferencing Meeting
    - Breakout Groups – new change to the meeting, positive feedback from providers
    - Please contact Jessica for more information: [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
  + NC Benefits Manager at LICH
  + Hiring at LICH – Street Outreach Worker in ToB and 4 positions for Case Workers to apply for emergency rental arrears funding in ToB
  + Partnership with ToB – coordinating Housing Choice vouchers
  + Please contact Angel Macchia for more information: amacchia@nassaucountyny.gov
* DV CES- TSCLI
  + 60 households that have been referred and eligible for services through DVCES
  + 3 households secured housing on their own without assistance of RRH program
  + 4 people secured employment with Employment Specialist
  + 6 referrals in RRH programs
  + Please contact Joanne Franco, DVCES Intake Coordinator JFranco@tscli.org to get the DVCES referral form
* SCATI
  + Task force co-founded by ECLI and SCPD to address human trafficking in SC
  + Developing an interactive tool/report to help streamline and improve the access to housing resources to human trafficking survivors
  + Survey to Housing Providers to develop this tool/report to identify what resources are available and identify gaps/barriers to those resources.
    - First phase in disseminating the survey

1. **HMIS Updates**
   * COVID-19 awareness form + Vaccination form
   * June and July Trainings
     1. June 15th  - 10AM-12PM (Critical HMIS functions)
     2. June 28th – 1:30PM-5PM (New User)
     3. July 22nd – 3PM-5PM (Critical HMIS functions)
     4. July 23rd – 9:30AM (Intermediate Report Building)
   * Please contact the HMIS Team for more information:
     1. [wscallon@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:wscallon@addressthehomeless.org)
     2. [rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org)
   * HUD for HMIS – released list of new data standards
     1. Implementation date October 1st
     2. Guidance will be provided TBA
     3. <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2022-HMIS-Data-Standards-Manual.pdf>
2. **CoC Training and Support** 
   * Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention Training for Staff
     1. Dianna Rizzo at CNG: drizzo@CentralNassau.org
   * [**https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19-hud-ta-and-local-guidance**](https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19-hud-ta-and-local-guidance)

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