**September 17, 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 Organization
2. **Advocacy**
   * Use of Accessory Apartments- Presentation/Overview (see attachment in minutes)
     + 1. Casey Berkovitz, Senior Communications Associate of The Century Foundation and Statewide Coordinator of ADU’s in NY Campaign
          1. Contact information: [casey.berkovitz@gmail.com](mailto:casey.berkovitz@gmail.com)
       2. Accessory Dwelling Unit Legislation aka ADU (S. 4547 / A. 4854)
          1. What can you do?

Join the coalition backing the bill

Join the assembly hearing on October 13th

Contact your Senators and Assembly Members

Any suggestions/feedback please contact Casey B.

* + - 1. ADU Report: <http://www.longislandindex.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ADUreport_053117release_LG.pdf>

1. **CoC Funding Round/Capacity Building**

* 2021 Funding Round
  + HUD has opened E-SNAPS
  + HUD Funding Round for CoC is now open
  + Ranking for Round 1 – released and voted upon/agreed upon
    - New and renewal programs – fell within regions annual renewal demand or DV program or within DV bonus funds (half of those funds were requested)
    - 500,000 remaining in ARD and up to 840,000 available for additional bonus funding
    - We did reopen the round (due today at 5PM) for round 2 new applications
      * Agencies can apply for new PSH
      * Leasing and rental assistance PSH – can apply for acquisition and rehab
    - Corrections and comments – everyone will have comments back by Monday
* Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)- Applications due October 6
  + Requests for Letter of Support – a lot of organizations are applying for ESSHI funds
  + ESSHI recipients should coordinate referrals with CES Team (Coordinated Entry)
* HOME- ARP Notice (Sarah from ICF)
  + American Rescue Plan – additional funding through HOME ARP (permanent housing for homeless households)
    - Registration for ARP trainings (HUD): <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/home-arp-notice-webinar-notice-cpd-21-10-qualifying-populations-and-allocation-plan-requirements/4341/>
    - HOME ARP Funds - Opportunity for affordable housing development, can be used for tenant based rental assistance, and supportive services
      * People experiencing homelessness, those at risk of homelessness (prevention), those who are fleeing/attempting to flee DV or sexual assessment/unsafe living situations
      * LI CoC – 6 Home ARP recipients: Town of Babylon, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Huntington (NYS), Town of Islip, Nassau County, Suffolk County
      * Jurisdictions have to consult with community on allocation plan

1. **COVID Funding/Planning** 
   * Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in Brookhaven
     + 4 million dollars has been dispersed to landlords (reported)
     + >1600 applications have been submitted recently
     + ERAP team is stationed at the courts (court volume has been picking up – not back to pre-pandemic days)
     + Contact information: Rose Cicchetti, EHV/ERAP Coordination Manager: [rcicchetti@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rcicchetti@addressthehomeless.org)
   * Suffolk County DSS (Dept. of Social Services) Updates
     + 382 singles, 365 families (about the same over the last year)
     + Within the last month, a big uptick in number of families and singles affected by covid in the shelters – informing residents to wear their masks
       1. Motel setting for COVID placements
   * Eviction Moratorium
     + January 15th for NYS
     + The same date for utilities – please notify your clients of this
     + HEAP is opening October 1st (please apply for this assistance)
2. **Coordinated Entry System**

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Team- LICH

* + - Contact Information for Jessica Labia, CES Manager – [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
* Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Coordination
  + NYS for Priority 1 on August 16th (Portal was open)
    - Since 8/16 – referred 175 Suffolk County households to NYS EHV, and 145 households in Nassau County
  + NYS for Priority 2 on September 6th (Portal was open)
  + Referred 20 Households to Brookhaven’s EHV Program
    - Working on eligibility packets
  + Anticipating 130 vouchers per county (260)
  + EHV Case Conferencing Meetings
    - Meeting with large SC shelters – weekly and as needed
    - Biweekly Nassau EHV shelter case conferencing
  + Landlord Engagement (next step)
* DV CES- TSCLI (The Safe Center of LI)
  + Coordinated Entry is working with 87 households – 19 singles, 68 families
  + List is split (44 households are literally homeless and 43 fleeing)
  + Referred 1 household to RRH (rapid rehousing), 2 households secured housing without a program (diversion work)
  + Employment Specialist – helped 13 people find FT employment, 10 people PT employment, referred 17 people to EOC free computer class courses, 13 people to HHA trainings, 35 to Hempstead Works/Dept of Labor, and 2 people to Access VR

1. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Updates**
   * Please continue to use the COVID forms on HMIS
   * Trainings

September:

* + - 9/20 at 1:30PM-5PM (Reports)
    - 9/27 at 11:00AM-1:00PM (Critical Data Elements

October:

* 10/15 at 10:00 am -12:00 pm (Critical Data Elements)
* 10/19 at 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (New User)
* 10/21 at 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Reports)

November:

* 11/3 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Critical Data Elements)
* 11/4 at 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (New User)
* 11/10 at 9:00 am - 12:30 pm (Reports)

HMIS Team Contact Information:

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* Stephanie Reed, HMIS Data Quality Specialist, [sreed@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:sreed@addressthehomeless.org)
* Dan Gore, [helpdesk@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:helpdesk@addressthehomeless.org)

HMIS Data Standards Summary Document

* + <https://26605804-0f06-4f4c-9978-7cc160da7c9d.filesusr.com/ugd/00f1bd_fcb030ec8e6d49c7b0fd2577643e5d56.pdf>

1. **CoC Training/Education/Guidance**
   * Annual Keys Homeless Conference on November 10, 2021
   * Implicit Bias Training Series- under development
   * Enhancing CoC Solicitation of Public Comments, Questions, and Feedback
2. **Other Announcements**

**Acronym Key:**

**CoC: Continuum of Care** [**https://www.lihomeless.org/about**](https://www.lihomeless.org/about)

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**Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative Funding Link:** [**https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants\_NYSGG//module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5001937**](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG//module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5001937)

**NCDSS = Nassau County Department of Social Services** [**https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1895/Social-Services**](https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1895/Social-Services)

**SCDSS = Suffolk County Department of Social Services** [**https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services**](https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services)

**ERAP = Emergency Rental Assistance Program** [**https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/**](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/)

**Learn More about Coordinated Entry:** [**https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinated-entry-faq**](https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinated-entry-faq)

**EHV = Emergency Housing Vouchers** [**https://www.hud.gov/EHV**](https://www.hud.gov/EHV)

**CES = Coordinated Entry System** [**https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinated-entry-faq**](https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinated-entry-faq)

**LICH = Long Island Coalition for the Homeless** [**https://www.addressthehomeless.org/**](https://www.addressthehomeless.org/)

**DV CES = Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System** [**https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinared-entry-access**](https://www.lihomeless.org/coordinared-entry-access)

**TSCLI = The Safe Center Long Island** [**http://www.tscli.org/**](http://www.tscli.org/)

**HMIS = Homeless Management Informaiton System** [**https://www.lihomeless.org/hmis**](https://www.lihomeless.org/hmis)