**March 19, 2021**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Welcome and Introductions**

* Please sign in via the chat for attendance purposes
* Name and agency

**CoC Funding Round**

* 2020/2021 Funding Round
* No new updates on 2020 Funding Round
  + 2021 Funding Round
    - Last CoC GB Meeting – reallocation funding and bonus funding available
      * What are the needs/trends in the region?
      * Voted – allow for new programs to be considered for re-entry population (RRH or TH to permanent RRH programs)
        + CH and Street Homeless (Suffolk County – high need) TH to RRH
        + Housing for Substance Use population TH to Permanent RRH or PSH
        + DV set aside funds RRH or TH to Permanent RRH
        + CE and HMIS additional support funding
      * Need to speak with Ranking Committee
        + Update scorecard
        + Timeline for this year’s local process – distribution of ranking criteria

**Shelter Updates- SCDSS/NCDSS (if county staff available for the meeting)**

* Suffolk County Department of Social Services
  + Down 36 total singles from last year
  + Down 119 families
  + Motel placements for covid purposes – 7 people
  + Total persons being sheltered compared to last year - 368 people less in Emergency Housing
  + 1650 people this year
* Nassau County Department of Social Services
  + Down 632
  + 1100 total people including children
  + Families and single men on the rise
  + Covid – 14 caseloads that are placed in isolation site
* COVID Response (2021 PIT Count Results)
  + Mike is working on compiling these results
  + Overall trends – numbers are down (eviction moratorium is a big factor)
  + Family homelessness continues to go down, veteran homelessness continues to go further down
  + Single adult numbers continue to go up
    - Trends: Suffolk County – utilizing winter shelter programs, dramatic increase in number of people on the street as compared to living in shelter
    - 1 out of 3 single adults in Suffolk County is now on the street (in a right to shelter state)
    - Some people feel safer being on the street vs. going to shelter
    - Single adults in Nassau County – are primarily inside but some of our long-term, single adult stayers are in motels and not leaving

**Vaccine Distribution Planning**

* Working with Northwell Health and partners in the community to develop a plan for unsheltered homeless folks (which includes migrant workers)
* 7 sites between Nassau and Suffolk
* Planning call next week with Northwell – logistic planning
* Nassau DSS and Suffolk DSS – plan to figure out motel placements for post vaccine
* OTDA and NYS OMH – working together and in the process of rolling out the vaccination events for the shelters (in the shelters)
  + OTDA reached out to the shelter providers – gathering information on who is interested and next steps to do events in the shelter
  + More updates in the next few weeks
* Challenges
  + Education amongst clients and staff
    - Safety, efficacy, and vaccine hesitancy
    - Send out flyers/pictures from CDC website and other websites to share with staff
    - Street Outreach Committee Meeting – anyone can come, will be scheduled for April, experts in vaccine work and the communities we are targeting will be invited to this meeting to discuss with staff and those who do outreach how to engage on vaccine hesitancy and answer any questions they may have. Thanh will send out a calendar invite to the CoC
    - Please continue to spread the word about the vaccine roll out in our region, etc.
  + Transportation barriers
  + Registration/Name/ID
* **CV Funding/Planning (ESG/CDBG)**
* Nassau County – deadline at 4:30PM today (application for ESG and CDBG to Nassau County, requires a CoC and HMIS sign off)
* Town of Brookhaven
  + Yesterday – ESG for regular funding applications was due
  + In the process of reviewing everything within the next 2 weeks
* Long Island Housing Partnership
  + Open until March 31st – rental assistance up to 6 months, 80% of AMI, and mortgage assistance
  + Town website or LIHP website – fill out information and submit application
  + Residents of Town of Brookhaven
* Suffolk County
  + No updates – will have more for the next meeting
  + CV funding (second round) – DSS is still working on the distribution of those funds
* American Rescue Plan
  + 1.9 trillion dollars
  + More money coming (homeless services, etc.)
* **Coordinated Entry System**
* CES Team – LICH
  + Referrals to PSH and RRH
    - 18 HH’s pulled from RRH waitlist within the last month
    - Nassau county street couple referred to PSH
    - Referred CH singles to PSH units
  + Feedback from shelter providers
    - Trainings/Supports – how can we help you?
  + NAEH Conference – Virtual
    - Shared housing is affordable housing session – singles do not have income to live alone on LI (pulling resources + funds together – to help people exit homelessness)
    - Roommate matching – were you successful in your efforts?
  + Street Outreach Team
    - Please refer people to our street outreach team
    - Open full-time position in Suffolk County
    - Street Hotline: 631-464-4314 ext. 118
    - Project Hope Helpline: 631-464-4314 ext. 116
  + LICH Podcast
    - On Facebook and Instagram
    - To highlight the work we do, etc.
* Contact Information
  + - Jessica Labia – [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
* CE Steering Committee
  + COVID prioritization extension (will be discussed at GB meeting later today)
  + Added questions to CE Assessment – need to ask CE Steering Committee for feedback after meeting with Governance Board
* DV CES – TSCLI
  + 1 single referred to DV RRH program
  + Employment Specialist – worked with people on their resumes, interviewing skills, job-related issues, job retention skills, finding employment, etc.

**HMIS Updates**

* General Updates and Trainings
* COVID Awareness Screening form – continue to use this on HMIS
* COVID Vaccination Screening form – open to use now
  + Short form – track vaccination status of eligible clients; willingness to receive the vaccine, first or second dose, reluctance to receive the vaccination, location and dates of vaccination, etc.
* Training Dates – No more for March, April 12th (New User training), April 19th (Intermediate and Reports), May 13th (TBA)
* Branding Training – critical HMIS functions – March 25th (morning session – Roxzelle sent out registration information)
* Please let Wayne know if a staff member does no longer need access – data confidentiality purposes (to end user’s access asap)
* Contact information:
  + Wayne Scallon – [wscallon@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:wscallon@addressthehomeless.org)
  + Training inquiries: Roxzelle Bannerman – [rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org)

**CoC Training and Support**

* 1. **HUD Weekly COVID Response Office Hours** <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/>
  2. COVID Resource Page on LIHomeless.org <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19>
  3. HUD Waivers: Memo <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Availability-of-Waivers-of-CPD-Grant-Program-and-Consolidated-Plan-Requirements-to-Prevent-the-Spread-of-COVID-19-and-Mitigate-Economic-Impacts-Caused-by-COVID-19.pdf>
  4. Additional Waivers: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional_Waivers_for_CPD_Grant_Programs_to_Prevent_COVID-19_Spread_and_Mitigate_COVID-19_Economic_Impacts.pdf?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=0a4b21aecc-COVID-19-Waiver-HOPWA-5.27.20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-0a4b21aecc-19249601>
  5. **Link to customize waivers:** [**https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/**](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/)
  6. **Local field Office email to send waivers:** [**CPD\_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov**](mailto:CPD_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov)