**NY-603 Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 21, 2022**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

* + **Welcome and Introductions (chat)**
    - **Name and Agency**
  + **CE Assessment Tool Development**
    - Prioritization Tool During COVID; who was at the greatest risk of dying/having complications due to COVID-19 and those who have the greatest barriers to exit homelessness on their own
    - TSCLI and LICH have been using this assessment tool
    - Looking to develop a new localized tool
      * No longer covid specific but does encompass health risks as part of those considerations and looking at trauma, equity, barriers to housing, etc.
      * Conversations with CE Steering Committee - to come up with a tool that the two CES teams can use
        + Ongoing 6-month conversation
        + Receiving feedback from people with lived experiences (now part of the committee)
        + Incorporating a DV perspective to the tool
        + We are doing a better job with developing a tool that reflects people that have gone through the system or are still going through the system (that we are trying to assist people in navigating)
        + We are close with having a draft assessment tool ready
        + Will meet in the next 2 weeks, goal is to have a draft ready and to bring that tool with the GB (will send out ahead of the meeting – to have an open discussion at the next GB meeting)

Goal after GB meeting – to pilot the tool with CES staff with people in crisis right now (make adjustments as necessary after being tested)

3-month pilot of using assessment tool and come back to a discussion with CE Steering Committee (intention of questions vs. what is happening?)

* + - * + Specific questions – victimization, risk, violence, families, history of criminal justice involvement, etc. (to look at all perspectives). Intention to develop 1 tool that can be used universally for those populations. Can build on the tool afterward (i.e youth or DV specific tool)
        + Determining youth status: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Determining-Homeless-Status-of-Youth.pdf>

Category 4 definition – many youth are in unsafe conditions

* + **HOME-ARP Planning:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>
    - HOME ARP is more flexible
    - Jurisdictions are starting to have conversations on HOME ARP planning (what to do with these funds)
    - Gathering feedback from CoC’s
    - NYS gets large amount of funding as well
    - State reached out to LICH to get feedback (showing HMIS data reports, contact information of providers, etc.)
    - Please let Greta know if you would like to talk to the state
    - Local level – to get meetings together with local jurisdictions (had 1 local meeting)
      * Working with VHB (TA provider)
        + Will choose a date/dates to announce when they will be having a meeting and what they will be presenting (their role and feedback from members of the CoC, GB, and non GB)

What are providers seeing? What are people experiencing homelessness seeing? What are the gaps and challenges?

* + - HOME ARP Funding – can be used for:
      * Emergency Housing
      * Permanent Housing (Construction and Tenant Based Rental Assistance in the same project)
      * Support Services
      * Developing non-congregate shelter
    - Eligibility Criteria
      * Need to be experiencing homelessness, etc.
    - Motel Conversions?
      * Barrier – single adults who do not want to live with other people
    - Discussion Meeting with CoC members
      * TBA – will get that out to everyone
    - Nassau County – January 27th (First Public Hearing)
      * Thanh sent this out
    - Town of Brookhaven – February (virtual)
      * Will send this out
  + **NYS RSP** 
    - Rental supplement program (rental assistance for people experiencing homelessness)
    - NYS has a budget of 100 million
      * 2 million - Nassau
      * 2.6 million – Suffolk
    - Criteria: Households experiencing homelessness (majority) or households at risk of experiencing homelessness, under 50% of AMI
    - Rental assistance rates will cover 85% of FMR
    - Local option up to 100% of FMR for rental assistance until the households have income that is 30% of the rent amount (unit would be considered affordable)
    - CoC Feedback for program (will send this out to the GB and CoC to solicit feedback in case it is asked for by both counties)
  + **Diversity/Inclusion**
    - Restructure Working Group
    - Training Series- CE Steering, Restructure Working Group
    - Date of meeting TBA
    - Incentives for persons with lived experiences
      * Not employees but “consultants”