**December 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. **CoC Funding/Capacity Building/Planning**

* CoC Restructure / Infusing PLEs into all CoC work/decisions (with ICF support)
  + We need feedback from persons with lived experience and to have them at the table
    - People experiencing homelessness are one of the communities heavily impacted by COVID
  + Guidance from ICF – Governance/CoC Restructure
    - Extending the conversation to the CoC
    - To make the CoC Governance Board – diverse, inclusive, equitable
      * How do we incorporate PLE into CoC decision making?
        + What are the best practices? (ICF Perspective)
        + What is the role of the Governance Board?
        + What is the role of the CoC Committees and Workgroups?

Conversations of creating a small workgroup to dive in:

The GB Structure

Governance Charter

Recommend Changes

Timeline of Structure

December -> July

Please reach out to Thanh or Mike if you are interested in being a part of this process

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* HOME- ARP Updates
  + New funding (COVID Response)
    - Housing development / Increase housing capacity / acquisition and rehab
    - Conversations with local jurisdictions (ICF collaboration)
      * To discuss what the funding can be used for, be on the same page, and identify what the local needs are
  + HUD Webinars: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/home-arp-webinar-series/>

1. **COVID Funding/Response**

**-** NCDSS/SCDSS Updates

**-** NC DSS

**-** Using isolation site more (turned into a medical site)

**-** Seeing more COVID

**-** Shelters are full

**-** SC DSS

**-** Almost identical issues as NC DSS (Shelters are full)

**-** Isolation units (people are testing positive and having to quarantine)

**-** Encouraging vaccinations

**-** Unexpected shelter closings

**-** Sites are also being directed to quarantine

1. **Coordinated Entry System**

* Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Coordination
  + Village of Hempstead – met with VoH, starting referral process
  + 117 issued vouchers so far and looking for units
    - If you know any landlords, please let Jessica or Rose know. Giving incentives to landlords for taking in tenants
    - Jessica Labia, CES Manager: [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
    - Rose Cicchetti, EHV/ERAP Coordination Manager: [rcicchetti@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rcicchetti@addressthehomeless.org)
  + LI Board of Realtors Presentation
* Coordinated Entry System (CES) Team - LICH
  + 7 RRH referrals
  + CE Steering Committee (met 3 times)
    - Working to develop a new assessment tool
      * Incorporate persons with lived experience in the process/for additional feedback
  + Please let Jessica know if you have any SPA approved singles
    - [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
  + Street Outreach Team
    - Street Outreach team has grown (have a lot more reach now)
      * Dylan – Nassau
      * Dwayne – Nassau/Suffolk (Mostly Suffolk)
      * Kris – Nassau/Suffolk
      * John – Town of Brookhaven
      * Steve – Nassau
      * Matthew – Town of Brookhaven
    - CODE Blue
      * When the temperature goes below 32 degrees – anyone is open for emergency housing
* DV CES- TSCLI
  + 79 on the list
  + 15 singles, 66 families
  + Please contact Joanne Franco for a referral form
    - [jfranco@tscli.org](mailto:jfranco@tscli.org)

1. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Updates**
   * Trainings (230 Trainings This Year!)
     1. 1-18-22 (10AM) Focus on Critical HMIS Functions
     2. 1-18-22 (1PM) Intermediate Reports
     3. 1-19-22 (1PM) New User Training
   * LSA
     1. Started the process
        1. Going on through January and February
     2. Data quality report
        1. Please do not forget to do this (all programs uploaded in early January)
     3. Questions on the LSA report – please contact Wayne
   * HMIS Team
     1. Wayne Scallon, HMIS Supervisor – [wscallon@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:wscallon@addressthehomeless.org)
     2. Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin, HMIS Support Specialist – [rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org)
     3. Stephanie Reed, HMIS Data Quality Specialist– [sreed@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:sreed@addressthehomeless.org)
     4. Dan Gore – [helpdesk@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:helpdesk@addressthehomeless.org)
2. **CoC Participation/Training**
   * Scope of Street Homeless
     1. The street homeless presence is increasing (people are presenting/identifying as street homeless)
        1. There are new people on the street
        2. How do we talk about people presenting homelessness?
           1. Not everyone is interested in receiving these services
           2. How are we offering services?
           3. Need to find wider options to meet people’s needs (a lot of people are already aware of the options we have and do not want them)

Shelter option is not for them/works for them

How do we increase more options?

We need empower people to make that decision themselves (importance of advocacy)

National Low Income Housing Coalition (attached in agenda and minutes)

Advocacy Guide

Ideas

Faith-based organization collaboration

PODS at sites

Low barrier shelter models funded through ESG

Other alternatives to shelter options

* + 2022 PIT Count
    1. Scheduled for January 24th – Adult and Youth Count
    2. Youth Planning Meeting #1 – 12-7-21
    3. Adult Planning Meeting #1 – TBA after the new year
    4. Please let Thanh know if you’re interested in participating or if you have any locations in mind to canvas (new or existing): [tpham@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:tpham@addressthehomeless.org)

1. **Other Announcements**

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

**For CoC Funding Round Information (now closed but ongoing planning for 2022): Contact Greta Guarton or Mike Giuffrida at** [**gguarton@addressthehomeless.org**](mailto:gguarton@addressthehomeless.org) **or** [**mgiuffrida@addressthehomeless.org**](mailto:mgiuffrida@addressthehomeless.org)

**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)

**HHAP:** [**https://otda.ny.gov/contracts/2020/HHAP/**](https://otda.ny.gov/contracts/2020/HHAP/)

**HOME-ARP:** [**https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/**](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/)

**NYS HOME:** [**https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program**](https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program)

**Medicaid Redesign/DSRIP:** [**https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/redesign/**](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/) **,** [**https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/overview.htm**](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/overview.htm)

**New York State Health Foundation:** [**https://nyshealthfoundation.org/rfp/2022-special-projects-fund/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAys2MBhDOARIsAFf1D1dMt8LTPKQPX-DiPXLGZJh0S4LhvohpR\_gnH2wcA0PR9R5LMYLcscIaAnAmEALw\_wcB**](https://nyshealthfoundation.org/rfp/2022-special-projects-fund/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAys2MBhDOARIsAFf1D1dMt8LTPKQPX-DiPXLGZJh0S4LhvohpR_gnH2wcA0PR9R5LMYLcscIaAnAmEALw_wcB)

**SAMSHA Funding Opportunities:** [**https://www.samhsa.gov/tloa/tap-development-resources/funding-opportunities**](https://www.samhsa.gov/tloa/tap-development-resources/funding-opportunities)

**Long Island Community Foundation:** [**https://licf.org/**](https://licf.org/)

**Recent Innovative Housing Initiative on LI:** [**https://www.innovateli.com/on-shinnecock-land-a-blueprint-for-a-national-industry/?fbclid=IwAR1Pxj4x0OmDfbAb8an1mIt6tZQYRXvrLwQd5V1KrVSlvzHTeGGzhZNyTR4**](https://www.innovateli.com/on-shinnecock-land-a-blueprint-for-a-national-industry/?fbclid=IwAR1Pxj4x0OmDfbAb8an1mIt6tZQYRXvrLwQd5V1KrVSlvzHTeGGzhZNyTR4)

**Long Island Housing Demographics, Inventory, Tenure:** [**https://rpa.org/work/reports/long-island-housing-data-profiles#overview**](https://rpa.org/work/reports/long-island-housing-data-profiles#overview)

**Long Island Housing Stock:** [**https://next.newsday.com/long-island/data/long-island-housing-stock/**](https://next.newsday.com/long-island/data/long-island-housing-stock/)

**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 (application process closed)** [**https://www.hud.gov/EHV**](https://www.hud.gov/EHV)

**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)

**Family First:** [**https://www.familyfirstny.org/about**](https://www.familyfirstny.org/about)

**Effective Street Outreach Best Practices:** [**https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\_library/Core-Components-of-Outreach-2019.pdf**](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Core-Components-of-Outreach-2019.pdf)

**Effective Housing-Focused Case Management (Shelters, Street, other community partners engaging people experiencing homelessness** [**https://www.mcohio.org/FINAL\_CaseMgmtManual\_11\_2\_2015ja.pdf**](https://www.mcohio.org/FINAL_CaseMgmtManual_11_2_2015ja.pdf)

**Southern Poverty Law Center- Ten Ways to Fight Hate-** [**https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide**](https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide)