**October 21, 2022**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Zoom link:** [**https://youtu.be/E8S4YeYg3tU**](https://youtu.be/E8S4YeYg3tU)

**Attendance listed at bottom of document**

* **Gender 101 Presentation (not recorded, slides saved in minutes folder)**
* Sharing identifying markers indicates how we navigate through the world (positionality)
* Agreements – intellectual humility, discomfort is necessary for growth, recognize your positionality, differentiate b/w opinion and knowledge, let go of person anecdotal evidence, notice your own defensive reactions
* Privilege – centering certain identities over others, protects from harm
  + Intersectionality (Crenshaw) – identities are connected, compounds experiences
  + Do not need to understand gender to affirm someone
* Trans – disagree with assignment at birth, does not require physical transition
  + Not exclusive to male or female
  + Trans is an umbrella term, many identity labels
  + Not someone’s responsibility to education you about their gender
  + Important to ask pronouns and respect them
* Cis – agree with assignment at birth
* Addressing groups of people with gender neutral language (everyone, folks, y’all, etc.)
* Pronoun tips
  + Pronouns do not have gender, not an indication of someone’s identity
  + Not preferred, they simply are
  + Misgendering is an act of violence
  + If you misgender someone, do not make it about yourself. Apologize and move on
  + Make it a habit to ask everyone you meet their pronouns
  + Be mindful when asking, outing can be an issue
* Cis gender privilege means not having to think about safety around your gender in public
* Not everyone has their gender figured out
* 1 in 5 trans people have experienced homelessness, unsheltered are especially vulnerable
* Important to treat people how they wanted to be regarded, more likely to accept services
* Pronouns – all grammatical rules apply
* Calling some one a “transgender” or a “they” is not appropriate
* Gender affirming language instead of “sex change”, “sex reassignment surgery”
* Resource: Trans Student Educational Resources (TSER)
* Gender components: gender identity, gender expression, emotional & physical attraction
* Children will communicate their gender identity as early as 3 – affirm what people tell you about themselves
* Unlearning the socialized conception of gender takes work and is an everyday action
* Are black trans femmes centered, hired, employed in the spaces you are in – be aware of how people’s compounding experiences can prevent them from being in spaces
* HUD put out suggested changes of data elements in HMIS specific to gender, race & ethnicity – opportunity for feedback
* **CoC Funding/Capacity Building/Planning**
* 2022 Annual CoC Funding Round
* 2022 Supplemental NOFO to Address Street Homelessness
  + Submitted SNOFO yesterday (10/20)
  + Annual funding round – specific allocation to better address homelessness w/in an area, PH programs (PSH, RRH, CE program, DV CE, HMIS)
    - Short turnaround this year, almost impossible to outreach new applicants or get expansions
    - One new application for DV PH program, applied under DV bonus
    - Everything else was renewals, not many changes
  + SNOFO – new funding opportunity, allocation to better address street homelessness which is increasing nationally and locally
  + Received new applicants all dedicated to unsheltered – PSH, TH-RRH, housing focused street outreach
    - Targeted outreach to marginalized and underserved communities
  + Typically funding decisions are made December-January
* PLE Advisory Group
  + Started to formalized a persons w/ lived experience advisory group, have had a few meetings now
  + Actively recruiting – for participation in conversations on how we can better understand their experiences and needs, elevate that feedback for types of programs, types of services offered, and what we can collectively do better
    - Contact Al if you know someone who is interested
  + Working to change power dynamic – give PLE more of a voice
* 2023 PIT Count
  + One of most used reports for funding and determining what homelessness looks like by region
  + Responsibility of CA
  + Proposing a methodology
  + Will be reaching out to DV shelters to provide aggregate numbers, demographic information (non-identifying)
  + Focus of efforts on people living on street
  + Gathering feedback on survey tool
  + Working to incorporate more PLEs
  + Focus on areas that are underserved and under-canvassed w/ regular street outreach
  + Will be sharing proposal with GB
  + Intention of having more volunteer teams if COVID-19 spread remains low
  + Looking for youth specific effort – youth feedback and outreach teams
  + Would like to have a lot of help this year, more chances for follow-up on street, information on where the needs are, any changes and trends
  + Will be sending out info on CoC listserv, mid-November
* **Coordinated Entry System Updates**
  + EHV
    1. Payments standards will be increasing to 120% of 2023 FMRs as of 11/1, better reflecting rental market
       1. 1 BR- 2296, 2 BR- 2756, 3 BR- 3542, 4 BR- 3894, 5 BR- 4478
    2. NYS stats – referred 145 to waiting list over last months, longest term stayers
       1. 608 total referrals, 66 withdrawn
       2. 226 housed, 137 Suffolk, 89 Nassau – 18 moves this month
       3. 52 expired voucher – reached 300 days, let lapse
       4. 104 actively holding voucher
       5. 68% lease-up rate, higher than US and state average
          1. State average 28%
          2. US average 50%
  + Prioritization/Assessment
    1. GB voted on new prioritization policy – prioritization based on length of time homeless
    2. CE assessment tool required – tie-breaker for prioritization
       1. COVID awareness screening replaced w/ new assessment
       2. Assessment created by CE steering committee w/ multiple rounds of feedback – focus on equity, person-centered, focus on barriers and vulnerabilities
       3. New assessment being built into HMIS
  + CE
    1. 2 referrals to single males to Suffolk CoC Spa, 1 female to CoC SPA in Nassau
    2. 6 referrals to RRH
    3. Coordinated with Self-Help ESSHI Bergen Apartments – accepting 14 CH singles
       1. One bedroom units
       2. 4 singles coming from street, 10 from shelter
       3. Anticipate moves around beginning of November
    4. New street outreach worker, Samantha Rinaldi, now up to 7 full time street outreach staff
  + DV CE – no update provided
* **ESSHI** 
  + Round is 7 live, deadline 10/26 @ 2pm
  + Requires letter of support from CoC – reach out to Greta, need to submit specific form including CE MOU
  + <https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG//module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002219>
* **HMIS Updates**
  + Upcoming HMIS trainings (remote):
    1. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2022 - Intermediate/Reports training
    2. One new user training next month, will be scheduled soon
  + New trainings available for data security and privacy – video & slide deck posted to HMIS website and CoC site
  + https://www.lihomeless.org/hmis-training-videos
  + Federal fiscal year ended 9/30 – end date for annual reports, good time to run data quality reports on all programs
  + HUD is offering an opportunity to provide feedback on some proposed changes
    1. Race & ethnicity – proposing to combine, has always been hard to report on separately
    2. Gender – evolving to better reflect how people are identifying themselves
    3. Accepting feedback through 12/31/2022
    4. Collect feedback from clients, represent as many people possible
    5. Webinar on community feedback initiative 11/6
    6. <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/opportunity-for-community-feedback-centering-clients-in-homeless-data-collection-webinar/>
* **Keys Homeless Conference**
  + In-person, 12/9 at St. Joseph University
  + 2 unsung hero awardees accepted
    1. Rich Bambino – volunteer at Bread and More Soup Kitchen in Riverhead, held fundraisers for essential items
    2. Linda Sherlock Bright – coordinator for Catholic Charities Care Program
  + Key-note speakers – Alika Ampry Samuels, involved w/ NY legislature
  + Well be using Whoova as supplementary tool, investigating whether can record supplementary workshops

**Attendees:**

**Catherine Albanese, FSL**

**Ruth McDade, MHAW**

**Jesse Delman, Bridges of New York**

**Dolores Kordon, Brighter Tomorrows**

**Savitri Choon, CHI**

**Wayne Scallon, LICH**

**Brian Cohen, SAIL**

**Tiffany Kehoe, SUS**

**Al Licata, LICH**

**Anna Barbieri, Project Independence**

**MaryEllen Adams, HFY**

**Rose Cicchetti, LICH**

**Erin Basham, Options**

**Deirdre Trumpy, Mommas House**

**Jessica Labia, LICH**

**Romarie McCue, The Retreat**

**Greta Guarton, LICH**

**Linda Jones, Project Independence**

**Valerie Chamberlain, FSL**

**Andrea Kerr, FCA**

**Sam Polins, LICH**

**Ariel Sotelo, Circulo de la Hispanidad**

**Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes & Property Development**

**Mike Giuffrida, LICH**

**----after 9:20am----**

**Shannon Boyle, New Ground**

**Mohini Mishra, Selfhelp**