**NY-603 Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 17, 2021**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

* + **Welcome and Introductions (chat)**
    - **Name and Agency**
  + **Updates on CoC Funding Round (local process) – Greta & Deirdre** 
    - New Applications (Round 1)
      * 1 from EOC of Suffolk (New Program – take over portion of SUS RRH Program)
      * 2 new programs submitted under DV Bonus (VIBS – RRH, Brighter Tomorrows – TH to RRH)
      * Hope for Youth submitted for new pilot program (TH to RRH – set aside pilot program for youth)
      * No new PSH programs
      * LICH – submit new programs to expand for CES and HMIS
        + Increase amount of support for CoC

HMIS – additional staff and licenses

CES – renewing contracts

* + - * All applications fit under (except DV Bonus) our region’s Annual Renewal Demand
        + With roughly 500,000 remaining
        + 2 DV bonus programs – fit within DV bonus funding
        + 840,000 PSH bonus funding available
        + Still over 1 million dollars for DV bonus funding that agencies can also apply for
      * Not a competitive year for ranking
      * Round is open again to accept new applications
        + To capture remaining funds that could be available (so we do not lose any funding)
        + New funding round includes ability to apply for acquisition and rehab for PSH
        + Deadline is 5PM today 9/17
  + **2022 Governance Board Structure and other steps towards Inclusion and Diversity - ICF/LICH**
    - Governance Board Structure (moving forward – what that will look like in the future)
      * Presentation by Sara (ICF – Lead Technical Assistance Coach for Long Island)
        + Recap of last month
        + CoC – broad community planning body organized to address homelessness within a certain geographic area

Implementing strategy to address homelessness across the community year round

* + - * + Within CoC Structure – board, committees, work groups, collaborative applicants, etc. (any entities part of the broader community planning)
        + Governance – who/how decisions are made

Gov Structure – defining roles and responsibilities, defining who has the authority to develop and approve policies and procedures, what is the process in which decisions/recommendations are made, performance (outcomes and evaluation)

* + - * + Effective CoC membership - diverse, active, and committed

Feedback, deliberation, and policy happens at all different levels of CoC participation and governance (does not all happen within board meetings)

Where are the other opportunities?

Challenges with CoC participation and membership

Not a lot of members/participation overall

Membership is dominated by 1 type of entity of a group

Engagement timing (NOFO application – funding)

Needing written documentation/lack of transparency/too much involvement in certain individuals – structure (need an inclusive and equitable governance structure)

Committees need to understand their purpose and operation effectively and efficiently

* + - * Feedback
        + LICH is good at engaging the CoC in all of the processes (feedback and involvement from the CoC)
        + Broader CoC membership votes on funding decisions (ranking)

Ranking committee members do not receive funding (part of rules and procedures)

Small pool of applicants to do ranking

Suggestion – the board votes on ranking (barrier – the LI CoC board is comprised of majority CoC funded programs)

* + - * + Committee breakdown

Consistent participation – how do we get this?

LICH should not be the lead in all the committees/driving the conversations (this has been the role and understanding)

* + - * + Next Steps

Working group?

To determine who’s missing from the table?

Who is responsible for outreaching for some of those slots?

Nomination committee? / Separate Governance Committee? (specific to looking at the charter and structure – make recommendations)

Thanh to send out a survey (who to invite to this working group, etc.)

Determining plan to address homelessness on LI (from those at the table / not at the table / those of higher positions at the table)

Clarity (framework) – of why someone wants to join the CoC and where they fit in

Needs to be a collaborative process to figure out governance structure with the CoC