**Introductions**

* Welcome everyone!

**CoC Funding Round**

* Still unsure if there will be a 2020 CoC Funding Round
* Internal Application (CoC local application)
	+ Submitted – LICH has reviewed them and will be working with the Ranking Committee (presenting final ranking to the committee for approval)
* Major focus in region
	+ Both counties (LI-wide) received a tremendous amount of funding through the CARES Act – Homeless Services through ESG-CV program (Those funds are COVID related and part of COVID response)
	+ Nassau County, Suffolk DSS, Town of Brookhaven – Have received funds/will receive funds
		- Everyone is at different points in their process of submitting amendments to HUD and releasing a type of funding request(s), reviewing applications, and issuing funds
		- Nassau County ESG-CV Funding Application – Ends on Monday at Midnight
			* Contact Angel Macchia: AMacchia@nassaucountyny.gov
			* 2 documents needed in application (provided by the CoC lead for HMIS certification and CoC Letter of Consistency to Greta)
		- Town of Brookhaven – Looking to put together their application now and start their process for their second round of ESG-CV funds
		- Suffolk County DSS – planning process of determining how funds will be used

**Trainings (ICF)**

* Earlier this week we hosted 2 of the same trainings with ICF (ESG-CV)
* This (recorded) training and slides can be found on our CoC Website: <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19-hud-ta-and-local-guidance>

**Updates from Nassau DSS and Suffolk DSS**

* Not Present at Meeting
* HMIS and CES – Based on what we see, overall homeless numbers appear to be pretty level and at some points we see slight decreases in overall homeless numbers
	+ Eviction Moratorium – Will impact numbers (To be seen) when it is lifted
	+ Ongoing increase in single adults (experiencing homelessness, exiting homelessness, and returning homelessness)

**COVID Updates and CV Funds**

* Local activities/discussions
	+ ESG Homeless Prevention Programs
		- State Eviction Moratorium
		- The Safe Harbour Act
		- Federal Level – Eviction Moratorium
	+ Not seeing a flood of evictions – it is also challenging for ESG funded HP programs to support households in a direct and specific way with financial assistance right now (not seeing households become eligible – so continuing to talk through these challenges as a team, HP cohort, partners from Nassau Suffolk Law Services, etc.)
		- Training from Nassau Suffolk Law Services (PowerPoint is on the CoC Website)
			* <https://www.lihomeless.org/training-support>
	+ Focusing on what we can do with ESG Homeless Prevention
		- Practice of Diversion (problem solving and connecting them to other community resources)
		- Leveraging CDBG funds (available in more jurisdictions and townships)
			* Looking at those funds to see if any of those funds can be used for HP
			* Eligibility are not as stringent – can allow for immediate response and assistance right now (i.e. financial assistance)
		- Targeted Homeless Prevention Assessment
			* Looking to use funds most effectively and be targeted in our approach
			* As soon as evictions occur – flood of households needing services at the same time (trying to avoid as much as possible)
		- ESG-CV Notice (HUD)
			* Sent via email
			* HUD had a webinar (2 hours)
				+ https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/
			* Notable aspects: ESG-CV funds for RRH activities – was a change that HUD made in notice that rental assistance can be up to 12 months as opposed to 24 months that is typically allowed for 24 months that is normally allowed with the CoC and regular ESG funds
			* Working with ICF – applying for local waiver to see if we can have flexibility around that (unique challenges on LI – high rent market, smaller amount of available units, small amount of PSH stock)
			* Trying to combine funding sources – to get rent assistance beyond 12 months if and when necessary for clients

**COVID Prioritization**

* In place since July 1st, 2020 (originally a temporary policy) but then was reviewed in mid to late August which was extended through the end of this year
* Continue to prioritize CoC, ESG, ESG-CV PH resources for households who are at the highest risk for contracting COVID
* Shelters should continue to fill out COVID health screenings in HMIS (most important role in this)
* Any clients that are doing new intakes – now updated covid screening form to also include questions including evictions and criminal history (align with updated prioritization that is in-effect until the end of the year)

**Coordinated Entry System (LICH)**

* Successfully transferred all CNG households
* Referred 2 CHI households from their closing programs
* Options, EOC, SUS, and FSL RRH programs – all actively pulling clients from waitlist right now (all COVID priority households or singles)
* Case conferencing bi-weekly
	+ Helping process and discussing challenges of the cases
	+ Talking about covid priority and non-covid priority households
* 2 interns started at LICH – welcome!

**Coordinated Entry System (TSCLI)**

* Working with LICH and TAC – create a cohesive CES (slow process, going well)
* Handful of covid priority households (no more than 10)
* 1 household – housed through Brighter Tomorrows for 10/1
* New housing intern – welcome!

**Work with TAC**

* Shifting prioritization and creating an assessment tool
	+ A lot of shelters are using the covid health screening
	+ Need introductory language/prompting questions/guidance to enhance covid health screening
		- Purpose - In order to make sure providers are using the same tools/mechanisms to determine who accesses housing first in the same way
* TBA how to use the tool and additional guidance (there may be a region-wide training)

**CE Steering Committee**

* Had a nomination process to be part of 2020 CE Steering Committee
* Vote conducted last Friday through a ballot form
* Onboarding will start soon – good representation from that committee

**HMIS Updates**

* Reminder to use covid screening tool – added a couple questions (household information questions – eviction and criminal history)
* HMIS Trainings (3 trainings a month)
	+ Intermediate trainings will be incorporated each month (as needed)
	+ Please read training notification email from Wayne (to understand expectations and technical requirements, etc.) prior to training
	+ New User Training – Sept 29th is full, Intermediate Training – same day, afternoon session, can accept a few more users (please inquire)
	+ Currently working on: Scheduling for registration for delivering training information (TBA)
	+ ESG-CV – for those who will be grant recipients and sub recipients
		- Wayne will be main point of contact for HMIS matters related to funding
			* Program set up
			* HMIS trainings / new users
			* HMIS lead will be responsible for quarterly reporting (different process compared to regular ESG-CV)
			* Contact Wayne: wscallon@addressthehomeless.org (best way to reach is by email)
	+ New HMIS staff
		- Stephanie – Will help with Data quality and By Name List
		- Dan – Will help with HMIS data quality monitoring, special projects, and help desk, etc. (consulting position)
	+ Roxzelle will be returning from maternity lead on Monday!

**CoC Training and Support**

* COVID Resources on CoC Website
	+ <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19>
* ICF and LICH hosted a training
	+ Recording and Slides: <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19-hud-ta-and-local-guidance>
* ESG-CV Notice on HUDExchange
	+ <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/>
* RRH Trainings and ICF training TBA via Email
* Housing Discrimination Training Hosted by LICH and LI Housing Services
	+ Recording and Slides: <https://www.lihomeless.org/training-support>
* HUD Waivers:
	+ <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>
	+ <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>
* 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/)
* Local Field Office Email to Send Waivers
	+ **CPD\_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov**
* Keys Conference
	+ November 18th
	+ For more information and to register visit: <https://www.addressthehomeless.org/keys-conference>

Next CoC Meeting:

 October 16th from 9:00AM-10:15AM via Zoom (Email to follow)