**April 16, 2021**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**\*Virtual Meeting\***

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
	* Please sign in via the chat for attendance purposes
2. **CoC Funding Round**
* 2020 Funding Round Updates
	+ Applicants did submit applications – waiting to hear from HUD when their process is going to be (so when we know when our process is going to be) TBD
* DV Bonus Funds Available in next HUD Funding Round
	+ Bonus Funds available – increases in McKinney Vento Funds and opportunities for new funding and bonus funding
		- Discussing needs/trends/different populations/different program models to help meet needs with Governance Board
		- If you are interested in applying for funding and identifying what the needs are – please contact Mike: mgiuffrida@addressthehomeless.org
* YHDP Funds potentially – scale up resources and coordination to address youth homelessness on local level
	+ Youth provider/addressing youth homelessness
1. **Shelter Updates- SCDSS/NCDSS**
* **Suffolk County DSS**
	+ Census continues to drop (total people sheltering 1576 down 377 from last year)
	+ 7 covid cases that we are housing (since last night)
	+ 12 street homeless – housing them for 2 days after vaccination (at LICH vaccination event)
		- Coordination with Greta for second dose as well
* Vaccine Distribution Planning / Northwell Coordination
	+ Vaccine rollout event at LICH today from 9AM-1PM
	+ More opportunities across LI will take place to vaccinate people experiencing homelessness - TBA
1. **CV Funding/Planning (ESG/CDBG)**
* Nassau County OCD
	+ Still reviewing the 47th year applications
	+ Reached out to shelters to see if there were covid related needs that they can support (i.e., vaccination planning and coordination) – ESG will use the leftover CARES Act money to fund this
* Court System – Eviction Prevention
	+ ERAP Funds – TBA information
	+ For vulnerable populations – the state bill indicates a list of vulnerable populations (assuming PEH on this list)
1. **Eviction Moratorium**
	* Will impact all of our systems once lifted
	* Clients may not have been specifically impacted by covid but believe they do not have to pay their rent right now – anticipating these challenges
		1. How do our residents hear this messaging that they need to pay rent (if their income has not changed)?
		2. Joint letter with legal partners – to explain nuances and information to follow up with legal advocacy groups (joint outreach efforts)
			1. Please indicate if you would like to be on this call – to develop this letter and collaborate with legal advocacy partners
		3. General resources for Eviction Moratorium Laws:
			1. Legal Hand, Empire Justice, Nassau-Suffolk Law Services, Touro Law Center, SEPA MUJER, Hofstra Law, OLA.
2. **Coordinated Entry System**
* CES Team- LICH
	+ New employee – Street Outreach Worker for Town of Brookhaven
	+ Referrals to CoC Housing Program – 25 HH’s since last month matched to RRH programs
	+ Working to get clients to vaccine event today
	+ CE Case Conferencing Breakouts
		- Enhancing case conferencing (suggestion from case conferencing cohort group)
			* RRH group, Street Outreach, Chronic
	+ CDC high risk factors for covid (updated list)
		- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#MedicalConditionsAdults>
* TOB Partnership
	+ Housing Choice Vouchers – PSH Move On
	+ Coordinating first referral (in the process of)
* DV CES- TSCLI
	+ 60 HH’s on the waitlist (An increase in 10 since last CoC Meeting)
	+ 2 HH’s secure housing on their own without need of program this month
	+ 8 people secure employment
* SCATI Overview- ECLI
	+ Empower Collaborative of LI - Suffolk County Anti Trafficking Initiative (Task Force with Suffolk County Department of Probation, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office, DA, Homeland Security, DSS, FBI, local nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations)
	+ Prevent, Identify, and Support survivors of human trafficking
	+ Received new Housing Grant
		- Identify victims of human trafficking and help and identify safe and adequate housing
		- Resources for victims from ECLI – counseling, case management, court advocacy, etc.
	+ Please contact Taylor Logerfo if interested in joining the SCATI housing working group: tlogerfo@empowerli.org
1. **HMIS Updates**
	* 2 covid forms (awareness form and vaccination screening)
	* Intermediate training 4/19 (some seats available) 11AM
	* 5/13 New User (Morning 9AM-12:30PM) and Intermediate Training (Afternoon 1PM-4:30PM)
	* New trainings – Critical HMIS functions (data and system functions for data quality)
	* Contact HMIS team if program is closing
		1. wscallon@addressthehomeless.org
		2. rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org
		3. helpdesk@addressthehomeless.org
	* HIC – in the process of finishing, Wayne may ask questions to individual agencies and would need the information ASAP for submission
2. **CoC Training and Support**
	* Thank you to everyone who attended our Street Outreach Committee Meeting on 4/13 with special guests from: Northwell, HUD Vaccine Team, and Hempstead Caring Hearts
		1. 1 pager for outreach purposes from that meeting as well as materials will be emailed asap
		2. We will be having more vaccine events across LI in the near future - TBA
	1. **HUD Weekly COVID Response Office Hours** <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/>
	2. COVID Resource Page on LIHomeless.org <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19>
	3. HUD Waivers: Memo <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>
	4. Additional Waivers: <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>
	5. **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/)
	6. **Local field Office email to send waivers:** **CPD\_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov**

*The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.*