**June 21, 2024**

**NY-603 CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Recording:** <https://youtu.be/0YFRw5pHP7A>

**Attendees listed at end of document**

1. Vote on [May meeting minutes](https://www.lihomeless.org/meetings)
   * Minutes approved
2. Presentation on the Long Island Housing Coalition (LIHC), presented by Derek Stein, ERASE Racism
   * 1. LICH Mission: To make Long Island an equitable and affordable place to live regardless of zip code through housing that meets everyone’s diverse needs.
     2. Shared active member groups
     3. Efforts of the group focus on community organizing and outreach, evaluating housing policies and proposals, advocacy (state and local), provide information to the public, fair housing.
     4. Shared ERASE Racism’s Affordable and Inclusive Housing tool (map of Long Island)
     5. Listed state policies that the group has supported such as the Faith Based Affordable Housing Act.
     6. Listed housing proposals that the group has supported such as the Melville Town Centre.
     7. Group Future Goals: Draft and lobby for our own pieces of legislation in Albany and at the local level. Direct outreach to communities through hosting meetings and advocacy to support affordable housing. Build a broad base of support for housing on Long Island. Change the conversation. Ensure local governments address fair and inclusive housing.
     8. Contact Information:

- Please visit our website at lihousingcoalition.org

- Facebook: Long Island Housing Coalition

- Instagram: @longislandhousingcoalition

- LinkedIn: Long Island Housing Coalition

- Derek Stein: Senior Housing Policy Associate, ERASE Racism

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1. **CoC Funding Round,** CoC Planning Team
   * 2024 Funding Round- CoC Registration/NOFO Pending Release (Greta Guarton, LICH)
     1. Unclear in previous meetings if we would have a funding round this year, HUD discussed going to 2-year funding cycle
     2. CoC registration has already been required, meaning that the round will happen
     3. This round will be for 2 years' worth of funding, to our best estimation
     4. GB and RC have started to do onboarding and working on scorecards and what we as a region could be looking at this coming year
   * Ranking Committee (Mike Giuffrida, LICH)
     1. The Ranking Committee has spent time reviewing the 2023 scorecards and funding round results ahead of the next round. The RC has met several times and has finalized the CoC renewal scorecard, which is public posted on the CoC website. The Ranking Committee will next convene to update the new applicant scorecard, once the Governance Board determines guiding principles.
     2. The RC members stressed the importance of applicants considering to apply for leveraged housing and/or healthcare as this continues to be heavily weighted on the regional application and will make our regional more competitive and therefore more likely to maintain existing funds and obtaining new funds for new or expanded programs.
   * Regional Gaps Analysis (RGA) Overview (Mike Giuffrida, LICH)
     1. Information included in the RGA included 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) count, 2024 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), 2023 HUD Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress, Coordinated Entry referral tracking, and community unmet needs survey
     2. 2024 PIT preliminary results:
   * 3928 total persons experiencing homelessness at a moment in time
   * 671 family households (2249 total persons)
   * 1671 single adults, 12.5% of which were residing on the street
   * 8 children only households (unaccompanied youth under 18)

iii. 2024 HIC preliminary results:

* + 2130 permanent supported housing (PSH) beds
  + Most PSH had restrictive eligibility for Veterans, persons with severe and persistent mental illness and approved through Single Point of Access (SPA), or persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA funding)
  + PSH provides long-term or indefinite housing subsidies and ongoing case management as needed. Locally, most households remain in PSH until deceased.
  + 409 total Rapid Rehousing (RRH) beds
  + RRH beds are either for Veterans (SSVF), CoC/ESG RRH for long-term homeless households, DV RRH which was mostly funded by obtaining DV set aside funds through the CoC funding process, or youth (HFY TH-RRH).
  + RRH is designed as a two-year program to exit a larger number of households out of homelessness faster than if they did not have a program intervention.
  + Challenges included housing market constraints

iv. 2023 AHAR

* + Nationwide homelessness increased 12% in one year
  + Number of total unsheltered in US reached record high since being tracked (2007)
  + NYS had highest increase at 39.1%, LI 10.23% increase 2023-2024
  + About 1/3 households experiencing chronic homelessness
  + 7 out of 10 people experiencing homelessness were single adults
  + More than 1 in 5 people experiencing homelessness were aging adults
  + Homelessness disproportionately impacting people that identify as Black or African American
  + Largest demographic increase in homelessness were those that identified as Hispanic
  + Starte summary on cause of NYS increase: New York is composed of 24 CoCs. Twelve (50%) of the CoCs are suburban, 11 (46%) are rural, and one CoC is a major city (New York City). Between 2022 and 2023, New York saw a 39 percent increase in homelessness. **Several CoCs in the state pointed to the end of the Federal eviction moratorium, lack of affordable housing, and increased rents as interconnected key drivers to this increase. CoCs explained that the end of the eviction moratorium resulted in more individuals and families forced to leave their homes. This policy change, combined with increases in rent driving a lack of affordable housing, led to an increase in shelter stays as people searched for affordable housing. The end of the eviction moratorium also affected the unsheltered count as people were unable to find suitable, affordable housing once evicted.** Another key driver that increased the total homelessness count in New York was a more accurate PIT count. Several CoCs noted that they had instituted improved PIT count trainings for their outreach volunteers. This training focused on de-duplicating data, recruiting volunteers with lived experience, and teaching interviewing best practices and techniques. Emergency shelters had also reduced social distancing measures and increased capacity. Finally, one CoC, New York City, experienced a significant influx of asylum seekers in 2023. The CoC noted that these households, who were in emergency shelters, accounted for almost 80 percent of the increase in sheltered homelessness in New York City.
  + Unmet Needs total survey results showed greatest unmet needs for re-entry, mental health, aging adults, youth, domestic violence, and families with children.
  + PSH was determined to be the most in need by respondents.
  + It is expected that about $1.3 million will be available for CoC Bonus and about $1.9 million available for domestic violence programs.
  + Next Steps: CoC Governance Board to determine guiding principles, CoC Ranking Committee to create scorecard tool for new applications, LICH to review CoC NOFO and plan for regional application, once NOFO is published.
  + *Funding Round Training- dates TBD*
    1. *Trainings will be available, be on the look-out for those once established*

1. **Upcoming Trainings** (Jessica Labia, LICH)

Last 2 months in referrals to non DV CoC housing programs:

* 8 referrals to RRH
* 2 referrals to family PSH 2 referrals to
* 2 referrals to SPA

Just a reminder that if you are working within a shelter or with folks that are experiencing homelessness for over 12 months and can help gather disability documentation, that would be incredibly helpful. In addition to helping us verify who is truly chronically homeless in our region, I can add those folks to the PSH waiting list. Particularly there are some vacancies for singles that may be in shared settings that the folks that we have document ready are may not be interested in this type of setting.

**EHV Post move- has officially wrapped up**

* If you are hearing from folks that are looking to directly contact with CGI, the administrator of the NYS EHVs, we can get you the direct contact info for folks

**NEW Position of Family and youth Case Manager**- You may know Jonelle Redmond from working on the EHV post move team, she has now transitioned as of this week!

* Case load will be families and youth that are experiencing homelessness for the longest periods of time to navigate appropriate housing options for them

**Small update on Domestic Violence Emergency Transfer Plan-** this is to ensure that households in CoC funded programs can transfer when experiencing DV in a CoC program. We are working w/ TAC on feedback and support on the development of the plan- they will be supporting this process, guiding on best practices and ensuring that we are meeting all the HUD requirements of this policy.

Highlight our Community Resource Page: <https://www.lihomeless.org/community-resources>

Recording for the May 21st Housing Focused Case Management Training hosted by TAC if you missed it:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/js7MYTO0c1Wp32ocKJgVvi3ge0lRRnf58U-3qaMb0hkOBmyF9gprgopVK0tsanJ5.Sk3MNn4BeNwUOgcl](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus06web.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2Fjs7MYTO0c1Wp32ocKJgVvi3ge0lRRnf58U-3qaMb0hkOBmyF9gprgopVK0tsanJ5.Sk3MNn4BeNwUOgcl&data=05%7C02%7Cjlabia%40addressthehomeless.org%7C068f64f5d3e74679c6d108dc79ca14a4%7Cf51f2c5ee8a74a2e83b60dcd7fc3081f%7C0%7C0%7C638519159340837660%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AbF6DhQYbx76Q0Ad82JoYqBhYJXQkxkbE8btNbAodig%3D&reserved=0) (Passcode: =3AI!Gpe)

Upcoming Relevant trainings:

[**NFHTA Forum | Bostock and Beyond: Practical Applications of LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Protections**](https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/nfhta-forum-bostock-and-beyond-practical-applications-of-lgbtqia-fair-housing-protections/)

**June 26, 2024 at 2PM-4PM**

This forum is dedicated to enriching fair housing professionals’ understanding of the fair housing protections afforded to the LGBTQIA+ community

#### [Connecting Residents to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services](https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/connecting-residents-to-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-services/)

June 26, 2024 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

**Public Housing and Voucher Programs** **EnVision Centers**

This webinar will help PHAs and service coordinators connect people with relevant social services to be able to maintain stable housing.

**Housing Counseling Webinar: Connecting Clients to Healthy Homes Resources and Tools**

**June 26, 2024 | 2:00 PM EDT**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/housing-counseling-webinar-connecting-clients-to-healthy-homes-resources-and-tools/>

This webinar provides housing counselors with key information to connect clients to Healthy Homes Programs and resources.

**Healthy Housing Toolkit for Housing Counselors-**

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Healthy-Housing-Toolkit-for-Housing-Counselors.pdf>

# **2024 VAWA and Survivor Housing Community Conversations: CE and Housing Problem-Solving for Survivors**

June 27, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2024-vawa-and-survivor-housing-community-conversations-ce-and-housing-problem-solving-for-survivors/>

## **Eviction Prevention:**

## **Strategies for Supporting Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders**

**July 16, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time**

1. **Homeless Management Information System Updates** (Wayne Scallon, LICH)

**CoC program ranking – HMIS data pull.**

* heads-up to CoC-funded PSH and RRH programs
* HMIS data component of the ranking process
* Will soon be pulling HMIS reports covering 2023 program data for CoC programs

**CoC agencies:**

1. Please run the HMIS Data Quality Report
   1. any data that may be missing or incomplete
   2. opportunities to fill in or correct any of that data?
   3. Gender, SSN, Race and ethnicity, Veteran status, discharge Destinations
   4. Have you processed required HMIS Annual Updates for your clients?
2. Secondly
   1. updated your adult client records for Earned Income changes?
   2. for Non-Employment income changes?
   3. Income changes that have occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
   4. should be done whenever a client’s income changes but important to update client’s record annually on the anniversary of their program start.

**Training/Instructional resources for Data Quality Report and the HMIS Annual Updates:**

* posted to the ‘Useful Links’ section of the HMIS Home Page.
* contact HMIS team by email
* contact information posted to Chat
* **HMIS trainings – July 2024:**
  + Tuesday, July 23 - New User/Refresher training
  + Thursday, July 25 – HMIS Data Quality Training

*These are remote trainings - more details and registration links for the trainings on the Home page of the HMIS website. Contact Roxzelle for any questions about our HMIS trainings.*

* **HMIS Team - Contact information:**
  + Wayne Scallon [wscallon@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:wscallon@addressthehomeless.org)
  + Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin [rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org)
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1. **Keys Homeless Conference** (Valerie Chamberlain, FSL)
   * Planning for conference to be held in fall
   * Location is likely to be St. Joseph’s University
   * The scholarship application deadline has passed, five awards to be presented at the conference.
     1. Partnering with United Way LI to increase scholarship amount and support more students
   * Workshop proposals form to be distributed soon
   * No keynote selected yet
   * Unsung hero award not yet determined
2. **General Announcements / Open Share** (Greta Guarton, LICH)
   * **CoC Resource Corner**

Cooling Centers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties (Also Drop In Centers are listed for immediate needs & Peer Support)

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/3ACwtGEPzcp0bEAT?ref=Link>

HEAP COOLING BENEFIT https://www.ny.gov/SERVICES/APPLY-HEATING-AND-COOLING-ASSISTANCE-HEAP

Housing Opportunities

LI Housing Partnership – Available Rentals are in GREEN  Florent – Lottery Opens 8/1 & closes 8/30/24 at 5PM  <https://www.lihp.org/rentals.html>

Youth formerly in Foster Care (Cash Assistance) CHAFFEE FUNDS – Extended to September 1, 2024 or until funds exhaust. <https://chafeeny.smapply.org/>

OCFS – CCAP - Eligibility for Childcare Assistance Questionnaire for Clients

<https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility/>

Long Island Housing Coalition Sign Up  <https://www.lihousingcoalition.org/join>

Suffolk Cooperative Library System Would you like to be added to the:  Suffolk Cooperative Library System Outreach Services: “Community Outreach Resources & Engagement” contact list.

Please request to be added by emailing: [valerie@suffolknet.org](mailto:valerie@suffolknet.org)

**Purpose:** This meeting serves as a monthly informational meeting that is open to anyone within the Nassau-Suffolk Continuum of Care network to receive updates on topics such as:

1) CoC funding, governance, committees, monitoring, training, etc. as required by HUD

2) Coordinated Entry System (housing assessments and referrals)

3) Homeless Management Information System (homeless database)

4) Community partner announcements (events, resources, trends, etc.)

**Objective:** To bring together various community stakeholders to better address homelessness locally through capacity building, policy and strategy, systems and service delivery improvements, training and education, and collaboration.

**Attendance** for these meetings is tracked using the chat feature. Please list your full name, pronouns (optional), and affiliation/role.

**Expectations:** Please keep your devices on mute unless speaking. Attendees are encouraged but not required to be on camera. Attendees can participate by speaking, using the chat, or simply observing/listening. Presenters should be visible and available to audience members while presenting information and answering questions. All participants are expected to be respectful to others in this space.

**Voting:** CoC-wide voting is decided by a majority vote, with one vote per agency/affiliation.

**Next CoC Business Meeting Date: Friday, June 21 at 9:00am**

**CoC Website:** lihomeless.org

**CoC Charter:** <https://www.lihomeless.org/_files/ugd/9fe2eb_08a8ea7b808547bd86a77db50852c664.pdf>

Information and Resources:

[HUD Community Engagement Toolkit](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/community-engagement-toolkit/)

[UCSF “Toward a New Understanding” Study](https://homelessness.ucsf.edu/resources/reports/toward-new-understanding-california-statewide-study-people-experiencing)

HUD DV Definition Expansion, HUD Notice and Local CoC Memo

VAWA Webinar Series <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/2024-vawa-and-survivor-housing-community-conversations/>

**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 2024): 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)

**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)

**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)

**Diversion Guidance =** [**https://endhomelessness.org/resource/diversionexplainer/**](https://endhomelessness.org/resource/diversionexplainer/)

Attendees

Adam Axinn, MHAW

Linda Jones, CC

Cara Cantor, Hope For Youth

Derek Stein, ERASE Racism / Long Island Housing Coalition

Colleen Juran, TSLI/HHB

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Christopher Ferraiolo, Catholic Charities

Lexi Catrone, Sanctuary Project Huntington Youth Bureau

Lindsay Caldiero, Brighter Tomorrows

Petal Bowen-Walcott, LICH

Tara Corn, Friedberg JCC

Angelina Lunati, LICH

Greta Guarton, LICH

Sabrina Mosquera, Options for Community Living

Kelly Smith, Well Life Network

Kellee Barrett, FCA

Jonelle Redmond, LICH

Stephanie Reed, LICH

Micah Schneider, LGBT Network

Mike Giuffrida, LICH

Sam Polins, LICH

Amanda Sanford, Stony Brook University

Ashley Choi, ECLI-VIBES

Salina Barnao, New Ground

Romarie McCue, The Retreat/Long Island Fatherhood Initiative

Terri Tupper, LICH

Nicole Belfiore- FSL

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

William Best - Bridges of NY

Jessica Labia, LICH

Sarah Smith, CUNY Law School

Daniela Richards, MOMMA’s House

Alexis Goglas, LICH

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMA’s House

Molly England, ELCI-VIBS

Elizabeth Bazini, TSCLI

Gabrielle Fasano, SUS

Alyse LaRue, Well Life Network

Karen Milagros, CDLH

Shannon Boyle, New Ground

Melissa Amodeo, Options for Community Living

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk

Andrea Mejia, CDLH

Kathy Henry, Mental Health Association of Nassau County

Carolann Johns - Resurrection House

Valeria Chamberlain- FSL