**February 17, 2023**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Recording**: <https://youtu.be/3GReFSkoxww>

**Attendees listed at bottom of document**

**CoC Funding/Capacity Building/Planning**

* 2022 Supplemental NOFO to Address Street Homelessness – Greta Guarton, LICH
  + Our region was not funded through SNOFO for unsheltered programs. Not all announcements have been made, but unlikely any of the remaining funds going to our region (small amount remaining).
  + Most of the areas awarded were rural or have a high percentage of unsheltered homelessness. NY is right to shelter state, which compared to others has a comparatively low unsheltered population. In other regions there are unsheltered families where we do not see a lot here.
* 2022 CoC Funding Round – Greta Guarton, LICH
  + The award announcement is pending. News has not yet been received.
* Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Greta Guarton, LICH
  + Nassau and Town of Brookhaven Offices of Community Development are open for applications to multiple funding streams.
  + Nassau has ESG, CDGB, HOME, and HOME-ARP available
    - Hard deadline is 3/17
    - Contact Angel Macchia with questions: 516-527-1976
  + Town of Brookhaven has ESG and HOME-ARP funds available
    - Deadline: 2/23
* NYS SOS grant (Safe Options Support program) – Greta Guarton, LICH
  + This is a Critical Time Intervention (CTI) street outreach program, being awarded for the first time awarded outside of NYC (where the pilot was held). This grant provides funding for intensive case management for homeless folks and is primarily target to those living on the street, but can serve people in shelter. Referrals to the program will be made through OMH (Office for Mental Health), DSS (Department of Social Services) and other entities.
  + The grant application is available through NYS website. One grant will be awarded per region. LI is one of 8 regions identified. Applicants have to cover both counties.
* 2023 CoC Funding Round – Greta Guarton, LICH
  + While we have not gotten a lot of information CoC’s already had to register if there were changes. It seems certain things are staring a bit earlier this year, maybe to start funding cycle closer to start of year.
* CoC Monitoring Committee- Review of Nominations / Vote - Al Licata, LICH
  + The CoC Monitoring Committee will be responsible for reviewing CoC funded programs such as permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. The role is to support the agencies in preparation of HUD monitoring and assess participant experience.
  + The committee will have CoC Planning staff, Al, Mike, Greta, etc., and there are slots for a representative from a local agency serving victims of domestic violence that is not CoC-funded, persons with lived experience of homelessness, and a representative of a community with high rates of homelessness.
  + The vote is open and will take place over email. Please edit the text of the email and send it back to me. Make sure you only select 2 persons with lived experience to participate as we have more nominees than slots. There is no one nominated under the DV category, so we will likely not have that slot. Vote to approve or disapprove the nominee for representative of a community with high rates of homelessness. Only one vote will be accepted per agencies. Votes with more than 2 nominees for the PLE slot will be invalidated.
* CE Evaluation and Training - Mike Giuffrida, LICH
  + The Governance Board has been discussing ways to address requirements of CoC monitoring for Coordinated Entry. LICH is reviewing the CE Manual and filling out a self-assessment. This assessment will be sent to our technical assistance partner (TAC) for review as a 3rd party. TAC will review if we are meeting requirements and give feedback
  + We will also be soliciting feedback from people participating in CE including referral entities, partners helping people getting housed, people experiencing homelessness and referral receipt entities. TAC will be facilitating a conversation to collect feedback
* 2023 PIT Preliminary Findings- Unsheltered Count – Mike Giuffrida & Al Licata, LICH
  + PowerPoint presented saved in CoC Business Meeting Minutes folder
  + Questions:
    - What are some resources for undocumented folks? They present often at HALI.
      * Undocumented folks may not be eligible for SPA, but are eligible for PSH and RRH provided they meet the other criteria.
      * Terri Tupper: Resource for undocumented families - ICNA Relief, shelter in Flushing, Queens. Can take Females and boys under 10 only. Aisha Noor – Director: (718) 415-0712.
      * Mohini Mishra: There is advocacy going around Housing Access Voucher Program S568A that take care undocumented folks.
    - Will we share the PIT report? Yes, the slides any additional information will be sent via email.
  + How do we know the observational count is de-duplicated? The number of verbal and observational surveys are similar. – Many on the observational count have first names recorded. We can see if we can do further de-duplication by location.

**Coordinated Entry System Updates**

* EHV **-** Jessica Labia, LICH
  + 145 households are waiting for vouchers to be issued. The last voucher has to be issued by 9/2023. There have been some rumblings about second round coming through, but no official news yet.
  + 277 households have leased up, including 12 in last month.
* CE **-** Jessica Labia, LICH
  + 2 families were referred to CoC PSH in the past month, both long-term homeless households in the shelter system.
  + 1 CoC SPA male was referred in Suffolk and there was 1 CoC PSH referral in Nassau.
  + Only 6 RRH referrals were made in the last month. This includes one of the longest term single shelter stayers.
  + Dylan Schwarz, on street outreach for the past 4 years, is leaving LICH. His cases have been transferred. You can reach out to Jess about any of these cases.
  + Kris Lanzano is also leaving as of today/
* DV CE – Nicole Magiotta, TSCLI
  + Since 1/2023 TSCLI referred 18 households to RRH. They have been working on reaching out to households on waitlist. The waitlist had been hovering around 130 households and is now down to 85 by finding out who has been moved into housing by other means.
  + The agency has been looking for 2nd housing specialist since August. They have decided to re-invent the position into a CE case manager. This will be a hybrid of an intake coordinator and housing specialist. They will assist Jo-Ann with referrals and work more closely with people on waitlist doing diversion work.

**HMIS Updates** – Wayne Scallon, LICH

* Trainings
  + A new user was training hosted yesterday and well attended.
  + The next new user training will be on 3/27 in person at LICH office. Attendees will need to show proof of COVID vaccination and will be asked to wear masks.
  + There is a training scheduled on 3/23. We do not know yet which training type this will be.
  + New training will be available on the HMIS waitlist functionality. This is mostly for agencies and programs with RRH projects.
  + Users, please take advantage of training documents and resources. These live within HMIS itself and on HMIS section of CoC website.
* Deadline for annual agreements has passed as of 1/31/23. If you have not sent these in, please do that ASAP.
* Reporting timelines / deadlines approaching
  + HMIS system performance measures due to HUD 2/28. These will be submitted by the HMIS team.
  + PIT & HIC reporting due at end of April. HUD has not yet set a specific date. These are submitted by CoC & HMIS team at LICH. We will be in touch with programs if we have questions.
  + The SSVF monthly upload window is 3/1 – 3/7. Wayne can help with any questions with the upload process.
  + RHY quarterly uploads will take place 4/1 – 4/28.
  + Data standard changes in will take effect in 10/2023. We are starting to get idea of what is going to change, but this will be shared once we know more.

**Attendees**

Ruth McDade, MHAW

Romarie McCue, The Retreat

Brian Inserro, FREE

Val Chamberlain, FSL

Petal Bowen-Walcott, LICH

Nicole Maggiotta, TSCLI

Jesse Delman, Bridges of NY

Colleen Juran, TSLI-HHB

Jesscia Labia, LICH

Vicki McGuin – Suburban Housing

Nicole Belfiore, FSL

Drena Collins, SAIL

Elizabeth Lunde, Concern

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Angelina Lunati, LICH

Gena McSorely, Catholic Charities

Savitri Choon, CHI

Robert O’Donnell, EOC of Suffolk

Jdelca Batista-Reyes, LICH

Karla Umazor, EOC of Suffolk

Stephanie Reed, LICH

Cara Cantor, Hope for Youth

Melisssa Wettengel, HALI

Alexis Goglas, LICH

Stephanie Leon, SEPA Mujer

Robin Sayles, Options

Shawna MCCann, MOMMAS House

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Anna Barbieri, Catholic Charities

Carrie Pitre, LICH

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House

Mohini Mishra, Slefhelp

Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes & Development

Al Licata, LICH

William Best, Bridges NY

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP SUFFOLK

Dnaielle Devine, HELP USA  
Erin Basham, Options

Stphen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

Angel Macchia, Nassau County Office of Community Development

Melissa Amodeo, Options

Jamie Haruthunian, Nassau County DSS

Kathy Henry, MHANC

Terri Tupper, LI Connections & LICH

Lorraine Baum, CNG

--------- **after 9:15 am** **---------------**

Cori Crocilla, PSEGLI

**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 2022): 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/)

**TOB ESG:** [**https://apps.brookhavenny.gov/Departments/General-Services/Purchasing/Bids-and-RFPs**](https://apps.brookhavenny.gov/Departments/General-Services/Purchasing/Bids-and-RFPs)

**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)

**Long Island Community Foundation:** [**https://licf.org/**](https://licf.org/)

**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)

**ERAP = Emergency Rental Assistance Program** [**https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/**](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/)

**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/)