**March 15, 2024**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/WXCYdcVPasg**](https://youtu.be/WXCYdcVPasg)

**Attendees listed at end of document**

1. **CoC Funding Round:** 2023 HUD Funding Round Debrief**,** CoC Planning Team

* HUD has released a debrief on our CoC’s performance on regional plan/CoC application
* One of the critical roles of a CoC is to facilitate a local funding process annually, which includes individual applications from agencies seeking funds and a regional plan
* HUD determines funding based on performance of each agency receiving CoC funds, our regional plan, and our progress to end homelessness
* Debrief is available to review in the newsletter
* Areas where our CoC is less competitive than other regions
* Areas with room for improvement: data quality in HMIS
  + There is a lot of HMIS data missing
  + Now there is a pop up in HMIS about entering destinations
* Deirdre Trumpy from Ranking Committee: feedback from HUD helps us improve our competitiveness, and will help us decide our ranking criteria for the following funding round
* Measurements that a community is scored on by HUD is a combination of all individual agencies that are contributing to homeless response. A lot of our outcomes stem from individual outcomes of programs, reflected in HUD system performance measures (SPMs). Examples: exits out of homelessness, returns to homelessness, length of time homeless
* If you would like support about what is going on with in your programs or if you would like support, this is why the CoC is a network. We should be partnering with one another, leveraging as much as we can. Example support: review of HMIS data, shelter case conferencing, training
* Reach out to [coc@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:coc@addressthehomeless.org) with any questions or guidance
* The senate recently voted on the appropriations bill for Transportation and HUD, which included funding for CoC programs which was improved with a large increase to the CoC budgets, which means potentially more funding for all regions. CoC funding round will be moving to every 2 years. We are waiting for confirmation in writing.

1. **Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act**- Asia Thomas, Director of Organizing at Open New York

* This bill will allow faith-based organizations to live out their mission to create out structure in communities that are sustainable and accessible for everyone, including by building affordable housing.
* FBOs have tried to build housing on land they own, but have not been successful due to restrictive zoning law
* Bill would allow FBOs to build mixed used and completely affordable housing on their land, with training on how to do it
* Would allow FBOs to have more stable financial footing
* Bill is now in the senate one house. Organizers are making effort to make sure electeds and governors are on board.
* We are expect this bill to help increase options in community for affordable housing
* Trying to get more faith-based leader to sign-on letter to support this bill by next week
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0zFMK7nhYV3No8EYzS9Q3BbREcO8X9yZUWW2U8CY6NyizsQ/viewform?urp=gmail_link>
  + Will likely find out results following week
  + Non-profits may have restrictive internal lobbying policies. Individuals can sign on as well.
* Has there been any feedback from two county executives on LI?
  + Working on strengthening those relationships
  + Both counties have faith-based networks that they rely on for organization and messaging. Tapping into those networks could help make them into ambassadors
* Can contact Asia Thomas: [Asia@Opennewyork.org](mailto:Asia@Opennewyork.org)

1. **2024 Unsheltered PIT Review,** Al Licata, LICH

* Link to slides: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAF_gGW16e8/n_L3RIOpsLLwFiT4tBzejg/edit?utm_content=DAF_gGW16e8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton>
* PIT is a reflection of year support we can provide to populations, shelter access, and a reflection of the larger community on LI.
* Mobility is key for supporting people on the street. If any groups want to stand up street outreach year-round, feel free to reach out to LICH.

1. **Elections Committee,** Al Licata and Carrie Garcia, LICH

* You can find more information about the CoC Governance Board election here: <lihomeless.org/election>
* Nominations are open until end of day 3/20. You can nomination yourself or someone else here:
  + <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xiwf9afoLkqDtg3Nf8MIH8J_vIG4D9FHguK2kf6I7bxUQ0VRQk1XRVJIREo3UFBPUTEwVEFIUkFLQS4u>
* The candidate information and link to vote will be sent out on 3/25 and due on 3/29.
* Especially in need of nomination for lived experience as youth, single adult, and domestic violence, and funder of homeless service programs

1. **Coordinated Entry Updates**

* LICH CE (Single adults, families, youth), Jessica Labia, LICH
  + 2 referrals to HFY TH-RRH, one moved in and one being scheduled
  + 8 referrals to CoC RRH
  + 4 referrals to PSH, 2 families with minors, 1 family with adults, 1 single adult
    - Family with minor head of household is not a citizen, difficulty getting documentation
  + 2 referrals to CoC SPA, 2 to non-CoC SPA
* Case conferencing schedule:
  + Rapid Rehousing Case Conferencing- 1st Thursday of the month from 12pm-1pm
  + Suffolk County Case Conference- 2nd Thursday of the month from 12pm-1pm
  + Nassau County Case Conferencing- 3rd Thursday of the month from 12pm-1pm
* TSCLI DV CE (Actively fleeing DV), Elizabeth Bazini, TSCLI
  + 8 people on CE waiting list
  + Received 15 referrals in past month
  + Working to improve waiting list: make more transparency, cap the total number of people on the list

1. **HMIS Updates**, Wayne Scallon, LICH

* HMIS team submitted annual System Performance Measures report for our CoC
* One measure is successful housing placements – exits from homeless program to permanent housing destination. Could be move to PSH, move to rental, or moving in with family or friends.
* Data is showing a decline in rate of successful exits. There are likely a lot of factors that impact this, but out data also shows that we can achieve improvements by increasing the quality of our data.
* HMIS team intends to dig into discharge data at program level to determine where improvements can be made. More information, instructional resources, and trainings will be made available. May ask to work agency individually.
* 4 documents posted to HMIS as pop-up and in the Useful Links sections to look at discharges in various ways. One is a list of discharge destinations and the categories they fall into. Other documents are tips on discharge destinations, a short instructional document on discharges and outcomes relate, and information about discharging people in street outreach programs.
* Your support is key to moving this effort forward.
* Next HMIS training on 3/28 is a data quality training, which speaks to data quality for discharges. All trainings are remote. Contact Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin to sign-up for training.
* HMIS Team - Contact informationo Wayne Scallon wscallon@addressthehomeless.orgo Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin rbannerman@addressthehomeless.orgo Stephanie Reed sreed@addressthehomeless.org

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

* Today! from 1:30-2 Nassau Suffolk Law Services – quick overview of Civil Rights unit and the Mental Health Law Project
  + <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlfuCuqD4qHdXh2JNzwAHL205PbviWHJeU#/registration>
* 3/18- from 10-12pm- CE Overview training- this is at max capacity but will be recorded and sent out after the training!
* 3/27- from 5-6 pm at Central Islip Library- housing resource training presented by Jessica Labia
* Upcoming HUD Webinars
  + Building System-Wide Partnership Between Housing and Victim Service Providers, March 21, 2024, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
  + Housing First: Still the Right Way to End Homelessness, April 4, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
  + Building a Better Emergency Transfer Plan, April 18, 2024, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
  + Criminalization: An Emerging Threat to Ending Homelessness, May 2, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
  + HMIS and Data-Sharing for Victim Services Providers and Survivors, May 16, 2024, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
  + Housing-Focused Interventions Across the Continuum, June 6, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

1. **General Announcements / Open Share**

* HFY TH-RRH had move in and is full!

**Attendees**

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House of Nassau County

Freddie Purcell, Brighter Tomorrows

Lindsay Caldiero, Brighter Tomorrows

Crystal Alexander, CHI

Nicole Falkman, CHI

Molly England, ECLI-VIBS

Shirley Lara, EOC of Suffolk

Catherina Albanese, FSL

Nicole Belfiore, FSL

Tiffany Rutter, Federation of Organizations

Brian Inserro, FREE

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk

Cara Cantor, Hope for Youth

Leticia Jones, Hope for Youth

MaryEllen Adams, Hope for Youth

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

Karen Haber, Huntington Sanctuary

Tara Corn, Frieberg JCC

Stephanie Reed, LICH

Jonelle Redmond, LICH

Nicole Rodi, LICH

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Judy Batista-Reyes, LICH

Alexis Goglas, LICH

Jessica Labia, LICH

Carrie Garcia, LICH

Yolanda Smith, LICH

Angelina Lunati, LICH

Stacy Stanzione, Maureen’s Haven

Donna O’Hearon, Mercy Haven

Kathy Henry, MHANC

Marianela Casas, MHAW

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Salina Barnao, New Ground

Asia Thomas, Open New York

Melissa Amodeo, Options

Romarie McCue, The Retreat

Mayra Chacha, SEPA Mujer

Gabrielle Fasano, SUS

Vicki McGuinn, Suburban Housing

Elizabeth Bazini, The Safe Center LI

Colleen Juran, TSLI/HHB

Stephanie Lovergine, Wellness Continuum

Kelly Smith, WLN

Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes & Property Development Corporation

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

Rose Cicchetti, Bethany House of Nassau

Raymond Weinmeier, Bridges of New York

Valerie Chamberlain, FSL

Carolann Johns, Resurrection House