**June 18, 2021**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** 
   * Please sign in via the chat for attendance purposes: name and organization
2. **CoC Funding Round/Capacity Building**

* 2021 Funding Round Updates
  + Grant inventory worksheets to be submitted for renewal programs – process is completed
  + Greta to schedule a meeting with the Ranking Committee – to go over final items
* Emergency Housing Voucher Program
  + American Rescue Plan
  + 24 vouchers through Town of Brookhaven, 17 through Village of Hempstead
  + We think we will receive about 240 vouchers for the rest of Nassau and Suffolk through NYS
  + Discussing more about the prioritization and planning in our region to prioritize these vouchers – governance board
  + NYS – have their own process, Brookhaven and Hempstead – have their own process as well
* YHDP NOFO
  + Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
  + Due July 27th
  + Looking at areas within LI to focus on this for
  + We will be applying again on behalf of the CoC, 2018 was the last time we applied
  + There are a lot more funds available/communities will be awarded because it combines 2 rounds since there wasn’t a 2019 round due to COVID
* Capitol Hill Day
  + NAEH annual conference
  + Representatives of different NY officials
  + LI Connections, LI Cares, and local advocates who joined this call as well
  + Talking points to local politicians
  + Deadline for sign on letter in support of an increase in McKinney HUD Funds – 3.5 billion dollars
  + Proposal for 200K HCV as an extension of EHV Program, push towards universal housing choice vouchers and rental assistance
  + [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/16FArL-Diqt4Vruq5pk9gCXT2k-VmgiAV](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Fdrive%2Fu%2F2%2Ffolders%2F16FArL-Diqt4Vruq5pk9gCXT2k-VmgiAV&data=04%7C01%7Ctpham%40addressthehomeless.org%7C42121a7eaa2d4362d20c08d930f0a939%7Cf51f2c5ee8a74a2e83b60dcd7fc3081f%7C0%7C0%7C637594632456062052%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nkuIJB%2F4PqtUPE3jVnN5uqhQxUV9t7Q3t9nwG%2BFyOjM%3D&reserved=0)

1. **COVID Funding/Planning** 
   * ERAP Roll Out and Outreach to Vulnerable Populations
     1. NYS opened their portal for ERAP as of June 1st
     2. Islip/Oyster Bay/Hempstead – own process and own website to apply for that funding, all other regions on LI should go through the state portal
     3. Clients other than Islip/Oyster Bay/Hempstead and have rental arrears up to 12 months should apply through NYS portal
     4. We have been sending information on ERAP and is also up on our website: <https://www.lihomeless.org/need-help-access-here>
     5. Town of Brookhaven has also partnered with 8 organizations (uvbh, united way of li, eoc of Suffolk, lich, options, federation, sepa mujer, and fsl) to conduct outreach and assist eligible households in applying for those funds – prioritizing households that are most vulnerable at 50% or below AMI, have experienced homelessness before, etc. State is prioritizing them and number of groups through June 30th, the first 30 days they will only process applications from the most vulnerable groups
     6. LICH – hiring 4 ERAP case managers
     7. Nassau role with ERAP – Oyster Bay program will probably open in July (no updates yet), Hempstead has partnered with LIHP, 3 non-profits to assist with applications: FCA (both agencies) and the Leadership Training Institute.
        1. Applicants who would apply on the state site – City of Glen Cove, City of Long Beach, Town of North Hempstead will be partnering with CDCLI
        2. NC OTDA is fielding people to the right site and helping people with the application process
        3. Please direct questions to Angel M. 516-572-1976; [amacchia@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:amacchia@nassaucountyny.gov)
   * Nassau: EOC of Nassau ESG-CV RRH, UVBH Street Outreach ESG-CV
     1. EOC of Nassau – took their first client off the CES list
     2. SUS – have not started yet
     3. UVBH – up and running
     4. Salvation Army and Options – homelessness prevention program for covid-related households. OTDA office will handle non-covid cases for HP
   * Suffolk: SUS SCDSS/Suffolk County ESG-CV RRH
   * Vaccine Distribution Planning and Outreach
     1. Recap – working on more distribution events, asked agencies to submit their level of interest in having a mobile van come to their location previously
     2. Overall – a significant non-interest in having the mobile van service
     3. Hopeful to plan another education event via Zoom
2. **Coordinated Entry System**

* CES Team- LICH
  + EOC Nassau – took a few referrals for rapid
  + 7 referrals to psh vacancies (5 were covid priority single males in NC and 4 of those 5 were males living unsheltered for long lengths of time)
  + 1 PSH family vacancy - covid priority in shelter
  + Suffolk County – CoC SPA with Concern (COVID priority single male)
  + 8 RRH referrals
  + New staff – ToB Street Outreach Worker (now 2 in total)
  + New resource – Express Employment Professionals, connect folks to employment opportunities in SC (office located in Hauppauge) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E60bC80E_H1uWCSCR9tx936k0C5RVXCsRb34-LwD_cg/edit?usp=sharing>
* DV CES- TSCLI
  + Contact Joanne for any questions about how to make a referral: [jfranco@tscli.org](mailto:jfranco@tscli.org)
  + 55 HH on the DV CES list; 12 singles, 43 families – 15 being homeless/unsheltered/or in a shelter system and 40 are actively fleeing
  + This month, we’ve gotten 6 referrals out to RRH (2 more will go out shortly – 8 in this month)
* Youth Access Partners

1. **HMIS Updates**
   * Please continue to use the COVID awareness screening form + the vaccination screening form
   * Posted first 3 short instructional videos on awards HMIS website
   * HUD data standards – release list of new data standards
     1. Short summary: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2022-HMIS-Data-Standards-Manual.pdf>

Upcoming Trainings:

* + Monday June 28th 1:30PM-5PM New User
  + Thursday July 22nd 9AM-12:30PM New User
  + Thursday July 22nd 3PM-5PM Focus on Critical HMIS Functions
  + Friday July 23rd 9:30AM Intermediate level/report builder

1. **Annual Keys Conference**
   * Conference Date: 11/10
   * Virtual Conference for this year
   * Theme: #StopInequity + acronym: CORE (challenges, opportunities, resiliency, equity for homelessness)
   * Request for workshop presentations – due today
2. **CoC Training and Support** 
   * Discussing EHV Voucher priorities in GB meeting next

*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.*