**October 27, 2023**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/a7khg9aFeVU**](https://youtu.be/a7khg9aFeVU)

**Attendees listed at end of document**

**Key for the Homeless Conference**

* Took place 10/18/23
* Keynote speaker was Albert Townsend, Director of Lived Experience Engagement and Expertise at the National Alliance to End Homelessness
* LICH plans make the recording of the People With Lived Experience Plenary available if possible

**CoC Updates**

ESSHI Funding Round 8 Available (CE MOU Required)- Greta Guarton (LICH)

* Round 8 of ESSHI funding is available now. Applications require a sign-off from the CoC and must agree sign-on to the Coordinated Entry MOU. Referrals to ESSHI beds will go through CE.
* Received 4 applications so far. More are expected.
* Funds are available for support services and operations for supportive housing programs that own the units used
* Greta sent out a sign-on letter asking Governor Hochul to roll over NYSHIP funds into ESSHI, which has a higher funding rate
  + NYSHIP is an older program similar to ESSHI

ESG Funding- Town of Brookhaven (CoC Participation Requested) - Greta Guarton (LICH)

* Requires CoC participation certification and HMIS participation. These request can go to Greta.
* Applications are due today

2023 Funding Round- Executive Summary- Mike Giuffrida and Al Licata (LICH)

* Overview of document, made available in chat & will send over email
* Document link: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAFx0TGhIRc/aqrGuudLqj-XIA7_9ZCn9Q/edit?utm_content=DAFx0TGhIRc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton>

CoC Charter Updates- Mike Giuffrida and Al Licata (LICH)

* Governance Board Slate & New Committees
  + Implementation of the new charter requires a new configuration of GB members
  + New committees required in the charter include Elections Committee, Equity Committee and Provider Council
  + This is typically the time of year we send out nomination forms for following year, still working on that as we figure out how to stand up other committees.
  + Please reach out if you are interested in the GB and/or interested in recruitment. You can also reach out with questions.
  + We have a lived experience advisory board, but we need to involve PLE in decision making and looking to the GB slate as a way to do that.
  + Please reach out if you are interested in joining the Elections Committee, which will be forming in the next weeks or months.

Other CoC Committee Updates- Al Licata, Samantha Grimaldi, and Jessica Labia (LICH)

* Legislative Committee- Criminalization/Homeless Bill of Rights, Anti-Housing First Bill
  + Just presented at Keys Conference on Homeless Bill of Rights (HBOR)
  + Now, they are looking for next steps to move HBOR forward and move on to other initiatives
  + Open to new members. Please reach out to us if you are interested.
  + NAEH has been talking about Barr Amendment to Transportation & Housing Appropriation Bill (HR 4820, Amendment 89)– anti-housing first, would be a step back for homeless & housing services
    - Committee will likely be working on that
    - Group already met with Garbarino’s office, hoping to get meeting w/ D’Esposito’s office
    - House speaker is now in place, things will start to move forward
    - You are welcome to join us on meetings w/ legislators, encourage other meetings on your own
* PLE Advisory
  + Just had largest meeting to date! Starting to get consistent group.
  + Looking to push forward work on CoC initiatives like ETP and funding round, and group initiatives such as shelter advocacy.
  + If you know of anyone interested, please let us know. There is a simple onboarding process.
* Monitoring Committee
  + Just had first individual monitoring this week
  + Planning on follow up housing first evaluation with all
  + Help us send out participant surveys! – Will send out link again
  + Purpose of monitoring is support – HUD will monitor and we want to help you prepare
* CE Steering Committee
  + Updating CE Assessment tool – includes problem-solving, diversion, measuring barriers to exiting homelessness. Finished in 2022 w/ rounds of feedback from PLE and assessors
  + Update at year mark in implementation to make sure working as intended, make any needed changes. Hoping to finalize in next month or 2.
  + Upcoming CE Training & CE Assessor training

CoC Communications- Samantha Grimaldi (LICH)

* CoC Newsletters – first one sent last month. We plan to highlight other efforts of CoC and updates from organizations that you want the CoC to know about. Email [coc@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:coc@addressthehomeless.org) with subject line “Newsletter”
  + Send out list of things we can & cannot include in newsletters
  + Let us know the information you are interested in hearing!
* Constant Contact – moving over for most communications, including CoC Business meeting invites. Please sign up if you have not already, can sign up on lihomeless.org/contact
  + Will be opportunities to get involved by signing up for CC lists

Upcoming CoC Trainings- Samantha Grimaldi and Jessica Labia (LICH)

* LICH/CoC – Employment, Substance Use, Ensuring Families are not Separated
  + Dates have not been set yet
  + Poll at end of the meeting for training dates & times
  + Plan to send out poll of days and times (did not launch Zoom poll)
* TAC- RRH, Motivational Interviewing, Housing-Focused Case Management
  + Plan to finish out at end of 2023 calendar year
  + RRH training may be 2 or 3 part series
    - Important as vouchers will not be as freely available going forward, important to go back to traditional RRH model

**General Announcements / Open Share**

* New HMIS data standards released 10/1/2023 – went well, some small issues with APRs and CAPERs that have largely been corrected by Foothold
  + If need to run APR, upload to SAGE. If have issues, let Wayne know
  + CoC funded programs have new data elements that staff may have seen
    - PSH – sexual orientation question
      * Asked to update when have planned meeting w/ participant already in program – will default to “data not collected”
    - All CoC funded programs – translation assistance needed question

**Attendees**:

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House

Lindsay Caldiero, Brighter Tomorrows

Natalie Wright, CDCLI

Savitri Choon, CHI

Nicole Falkman, CHI

Karen Milagros, Circulo

Molly England, ECLI

Lorie Taylor, EOC of Nassau

Erika Bagley, EOC of Nassau

Kellee Barret, FCA

Tara Corn, Friedberg JCC

Val Chamberlain, FSL

Catherine Alabanese, FSL

Nicole Belfiore, FSL

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk

Danielle Devine, HELP USA

Cara Cantor, Hope for Youth

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Greta Guarton, LICH

Angelina Lunati, LICH

Meaghan Obergh, LICH

Rose Cicchetti, LICH

Jessica Labia, LICH

Terri Tupper, LI Connections & LICH

Ruth McDade, MHAW

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Shawna McCann, MOMMAS House

Angel Macchia, NC OCD/ESG

Mia Baines, NC OCD/ESG

Salina Barnao, New Ground

Robin Sayles, Options

Wally Ramirez, OLA

Romarie McCue, The Retreat

Gabrielle Fasano, S:US

Colleen Juran, TSLI/HHB

Elizabeth Bazini, TSCLI

Chardea Cruz, TSCLI

Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes & Property Development