**May 17, 2024**

**NY-603 CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/-jftVtHh26A**](https://youtu.be/-jftVtHh26A)

**Attendees listed at end of document**

1. Vote on [April meeting minutes](https://www.lihomeless.org/meetings)
	* Minutes approved
2. **Fair Housing Overview,** Ian Wilder, LIHS
	* Rules & regulations about fair housing LIfairhousing.org in 4 languages
		1. <https://www.lifairhousing.org/resources-links/>
	* Training in end of July, sign-up available on website
	* Source of income law in NYS
		1. There are a lot of source of income cases at LIHS and other agencies
		2. Applies to vouchers, Section 8, and vouchers people leaving nursing care facilities and/or with TBI
		3. If you see something that is an impediment to people with alternative income, you are encouraged to report it. The following are not allowed:
			1. Income to rent requirement
			2. High voucher amount participants should not be subject to credit reporting
			3. Separate lists for voucher holders
		4. Applies to any alternative source of income – SSDI, Medicaid, SSI, veteran income etc.
	* Minimizing family separation – housing providers cannot discriminate based on family status
	* Fair housing law tends to have exceptions – it is not your job to figure it out but the job of a fair housing investigator
	* Agency can file complaints on behalf of clients. The agency, client, or LIHS can be the complainant
	* Equal Access Rule – house providers must grant access regardless to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status for participants in HUD housing programs
	* Clean Slate – arrest cannot be used to discriminate in housing. Clean Slate will start coming into effect this November, but the government has 3 years to fully put it in place. The policy seals a lot of criminal records, which will prevent the records from coming up on background check services. People can legally answer “no”, that record does not exist. Exception for sex crimes, murder, capital A offenses. Getting closer to having criminal conviction as a protected class. Criminal justice system is racial biased and motivated, this will have a huge effect.
	* Statute of limitations on human rights violation in housing – extended from 1 to 3 years. Gives people more time to put a compliant in
	* All housing providers must post people’s rights to reasonable accommodation. Meaning if they need a change in the rules for that development because they have a disability, housing provider must meet to determine if changes can be made to help person use facility like everyone else
	* LIHS is working to get every housing provider have a fair housing policy in place. Sending out form policies used in litigation to make it easier. There are no education requirements or testing requirements to become a housing provider. Should be educating everyone they work with about what the law is. Ignorance of the rules is not acceptable.
	* LIHS is always looking for fair housing testers. These testers go in as someone is looking for housing, and a comparison with another tester with different identity within a protected class to see if they have different experiences or have different things are said to them
		1. Still hear things like “ we don’t take vouchers”, “we don’t do that program”, “we have a quota for who we can accept for that” - this is illegal under state and county law
	* Race and disability are major categories of discrimination complaints coming to LIHS
	* With Clean Slate law, is there something participant must do to access this?
		1. It should be automatic, but it will take a while. Office of Court Administration has 3 years to implement starting in November. There is not a rush for them to educate themselves about it. There will likely be pamphlets out, likely from DHR. The court system is supposed to automatically do it. People should mark their calendars based on when they exited the system and the type of offense to check-in and make sure it happens
		2. Sarah Smith – helped do info session at school. There is an org that will help people check to see if their record is properly sealed: <https://www.cssny.org/issues/entry/reentry>
	* State has adopted victims of DV and immigration status as protected classes. One page poster on LIHS about protected classes in all 3 levels of government
	* Good cause eviction – in place in NYC, would have to opted in on LI. Reverses how an eviction is done – landlord has to have good cause such as selling property, family emergency, etc. Provides more rights for tenants.
	* Can reach Ian through website or ian@fairhousing.org or info@fairhousing.org
3. **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 election (Al Licata, LICH)
		1. The election process has been cancelled due to the short time frame needed to get new members up to speed.
		2. For those that submitted nominations, thank you for your interest. Any people with lived experience are welcome to join the Lived Experience Advisory.
		3. Goal to include Governance Board members to attend as non-voting members to provide input and learn during the process, who may be interested in joining the Ranking Committee later.
		4. It is important that this is an informed process. It takes a long time to understand all the requirements and standards and get into the technical details
		5. The timeline was challenging, we did not think it would be fair to people involved and would not do justice to the process to fast track
	* Leveraged Housing and Healthcare Overview (Mike Giuffrida, LICH)
		1. Ongoing focus from HUD on leveraging housing or healthcare, enhanced coordination with PHA and increasing affordable housing supply.
		2. High point value associated with CoCs that are able to produce local applications that have leveraged housing and/or healthcare.
		3. Funding round process has review for renewal of existing programs, and money for new programs may be available through reallocation and/or bonus funds. Individual project applications are combined into regional application package. If there is at least one project with leveraged housing or healthcare, our CoC will be awarded 7 points (14 for one of each type, out of 200 available points). Without these points, we are starting off at a deficit. (Information from 2023 NOFO)
		4. DV Bonus or set aside funds are in some ways separate from the regular funding pool in terms of competitiveness, because those funds were allocated to address DV.
		5. To leverage, applicant would partner with housing or medical service provider. Examples:
			1. Partnership with public housing authority with letter of commitment with set number of units provided to program participants. Applicant would provider other services. Town of Brookhaven and CDCLI have helped on applications for this in the past.
			2. Leveraging ESSHI (state funding for permanent supportive housing) for the housing component and CoC funds for the services. New Ground did this last funding round.
			3. Healthcare leveraging – would have to provide value of commitment and what services would be available to participants in the program.
		6. Partial points are available if commitment percentage does not meet HUD threshold.
		7. Housing can be funded through private organization, state or local government (HOME-ARP, ESSHI), public housing authorities, faith-based organizations, and other federal funds (not CoC)
			1. HOME-ARP was funding through the American Rescue Plan targeted to address housing needs for those at risk of homelessness, experiencing DV, or homelessness. Can be used for acquisition and rehab or rental assistance.
		8. Healthcare leveraging requires direct contributions from public/private health insurance providers or provision of services tailored to participants. Must be a commitment letter where all participants can access services (such as substance abuse treatment) or other type of health services that totals 25% of program budget
		9. Value to programs themselves – increase funding in program and increase services available or level of housing able to provide. Example: New Ground funded through ESSHI for housing component with some level of services, but because able to leverage housing, were able to apply to CoC for funds for advanced support services for participants
		10. EHV (funded through HCR) and HUD-VASH (funded through VA) come with subsidies and support services demonstrating how well those can work together to support people in the programs
		11. EOC of Nassau had vouchers available, were able to apply through to CoC for supportive services to run a PSH program for voucher holders
	* Local Gaps Analysis / Unmet Needs Survey (Al Licata and Samantha Grimaldi, LICH)
		1. Survey may longer than previous year, but has been carefully crafted to get information for everyone
		2. Please circulate throughout the community!
	* *Funding Round Training- dates TBD*
		1. *Trainings will be available, be on the look-out for those once established*
4. **Upcoming Trainings** (Jessica Labia, LICH)
	* Housing focused case management on Tuesday 5/21 from 9:30-11. Registration is required, spots are still available.
		1. **Registration:** [**https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd-qsqTIuHNaxNqH-oqqJ1CakuR6yHxbF**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus06web.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZwkd-qsqTIuHNaxNqH-oqqJ1CakuR6yHxbF&data=05%7C02%7Cjlabia%40addressthehomeless.org%7C09300922c62e44f16e7c08dc5fbdd448%7Cf51f2c5ee8a74a2e83b60dcd7fc3081f%7C0%7C0%7C638490516141914421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lqPw7gIvt9zqqBegiD%2BwCxH6D7SMER%2BL2%2B7%2Bvu8KSXw%3D&reserved=0)
		2. Training is for everyone helping folks find housing
		3. Material includes housing plans and diversion resources
	* Would like to have a part 2 on housing resources in LI. Looking for feedback on experts on housing available to offer
5. **Keys Homeless Conference** (Valerie Chamberlain, FSL)
	* Had one meeting, planning for conference to be held in fall
	* Location is under discussion
	* Do not yet have formal title, focus will be on criminalization of homelessness and poverty and how we can combat that
	* The scholarship application has gone out, due 6/7. Application can be found on addressthehomeless.org
		1. Partnering with United Way LI to increase scholarship amount from $1000 to $2000, may be able to support more students (usually 2-5) ￼
6. **General Announcements / Open Share** (Greta Guarton, LICH) ￼
	* HMIS, Wayne Scallon LICH
		1. CoC has submitted HIC and PIT in full and on time as of 5/10
		2. Homepage of Awards HMIS has a lot of links to good training and instructional information and resources on client incomes, discharge destinations, links to register for upcoming trainings
		3. Recent website design updates. Favorite options to pin frequently used modules and forms
		4. May trainings: new user on 5/20, data quality training on 5/29. All remote training
		5. More HMIS guidance available here: <https://www.lihomeless.org/hmis-training-videos>
		6. Welcome Angelina Lunati as data quality specialist, focused on managing data quality cleanup and upkeep for Nassau County hotel clients
		7. HMIS Team - Contact information:
			1. Wayne Scallon wscallon@addressthehomeless.org
			2. Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org
			3. Stephanie Reed sreed@addressthehomeless.org
			4. Angelina Lunati alunati@addressthehomeless.org
	* Provider Advisory Council interest form now available: <https://forms.office.com/r/T8wU2fKeLX>
		1. Shifted representation on CoC GB to add more community members and PLE but do not want to lose feedback of providers
		2. Meetings anticipatedly to be quarterly or as needed if challenges come up
		3. Focused on CoC funded providers and programs, but welcome to all
		4. Will continue to solicit interest and will follow up with planning and scheduling

**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** **or** **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

Rose Cicchetti, Bethany House

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House of Nassau County

William Best, Bridges of NY

Lindsay Caldiero, Brighter Tomorrows

Christopher Ferraiolo, Catholic Charities

Gena McSorley, Catholic Charities

Karen Milagros, Circulo

Crystal Alexander, CHI

Jillian Mcmanus, Concern

Linda Jones, CCLI

Shirley Lara, EOC Suffolk

Gina Crawford, FSL

Catherine Albanese, FSL

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

Cara Cantor, Hope for Youth

Margarite Arnold, Huntington Youth Bureau Sanctuary Project

Greta Guarton, LICH

Petal Bowen-Walcott, LICH

Mike Giuffrida, LICH

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Stephanie Reed, LICH

Wayne Scallon, LICH

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Carrie Garcia, LICH

Yolanda Smith, LICH

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Jessica Labia, LICH

Ian Wilder, LI Housing Services

Stephanie Warnken, Mercy Haven

Jamie Haruthunian, Nassau County DSS Housing

Salina Barnao, New Ground

Sarah Smith, NYS Fair & Equitable Housing Office

Melissa Amodeo, Options

Vicki McGinn, Suburban Housing

Gabrielle Fasano, SUS

Rhonda Gooden