**December 15, 2023**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/4Saaezmrjx4**](https://youtu.be/4Saaezmrjx4)

**Attendees listed at bottom of document**

**Resource Presentation: FCA Preventative Division (Ensuring Families are Not Separated)**

* OASAS Hempstead Prevention, FCA
  + Azaleia Griffin, Tania Santil, (2 others)
  + Focus on families and individuals with holistic wellness approach
  + Services free for young and first time parents, children, adolescents and parents avoiding substance abuse & truancy, young-adults with first time offense, court referrals and CPS
  + Serve youth 12-22
  + Offer parenting classes for families at risk
  + Outreach to local schools – groups for preventing substance use
  + Community outreach about drugs and high-risk behaviors
* Active parenting group, virtual
  + Free workshop on Tuesdays 6-7pm and Thursdays 12-1pm
  + Spanish version Tuesday 6-7pm, Thursdays 9-10am
  + Skills for parents from discipline to support
  + Provide messaging services to promote effective communication with children
  + Need to be mindful of culture, comes into play with everything we do
  + Use Active Parenting Guidebook
  + Be mindful of what asking kids to do compared to what you are doing in front of them
  + Take referrals to different sources
* School outreach for preventing substance use
  + Teach about effects and dangers, address environmental factors of substance use
  + Girls Circle will be launching within next year
  + Discussions on body image, friendship, individual expression
  + Age restricted? Strictly for 12-18 years old
* April McCarthy – safe space group for youth
  + Give a place to go to avoid substance use
* Youth council – referrals outside the schools
* Contact information
  + Elizabeth Fungkhee, Supervisor: [efunghkee@fcali.org](mailto:efunghkee@fcali.org), 516-486-7200 ext …
* Youth mental health first aid, certified counselors – reach out if there is a need
* Will share virtual training resources to get certified

**Coordinated Entry Year in Review , Jessica Labia Director of Support Programs, LICH**

* Oversee referrals to CoC and ESG programs
* Helpline calls – just under 2000 calls for the year, averaging ~170 calls per month
  + Anyone experiencing homelessness can call for extensive support, those who are at-risk can receive 1 time support call with resources
* Housing referrals through CE (households)
  + RRH: 87
  + PSH: 58
  + EHV: 55 – 2023 was year EHV came to an end, which had helped increase number of referrals. Waiting list went on pause at beginning of year, were not pulled of waitlist
    - 45 households referred in 2022 housed in 2023
  + CDCLI HCV program – making about 30 referrals in Nassau
  + Housing stability voucher program – initially referred 27, getting 3 more. People are working on packets to get leased up
  + PSH referrals by month
    - January – May: average of 4 referrals
    - October – 8 referrals, greatest for the year
    - More variable June – December
* Coordinated Entry success stories
  + Yolanda Smith, Case Manager at LICH (households in shelters and motel placed by DSS)
    - Provide resources and items from Boutique
    - Working with single man from February 2023, just housed this week
    - Was homeless for about 4 years prior to being housed
    - Received Section 8 voucher in Glen Cove, able to port voucher to CDCLI for more options and access to doctors
    - Landlord engagement specialist helped find housing
  + Carrie Garcia, Case Manager at LICH
    - Options had entire unit open up, 2 bedroom
    - Able to house 2 clients in same unit in quick succession
    - Client dealing with chronic and mental illness and garnished social security wages by mistake, very difficult to get out of situation
    - Other client having social security garnished for child support payments even though children are now adults
    - Getting along pretty well in unit
    - Other client homeless for over 6 years, mother with 3 children and 1 child was separated from family. Physical disability, unable to get up and down stairs
      * Moving in to unit today and family will be reunited
  + Dwayne Brown, Street Outreach Supervisor and Angelina Lunati, EHV
    - Outreached first time several years ago
    - Was trying to help get into SPA, but client was hesitant to follow through with psych evaluation
    - Received voucher in February 2022
    - Got into housing in area where she lived before becoming homeless
    - Was homeless for about 20 years
    - EHV post-move support – worked on budgeting, paperwork, what she needed to transition into housing, paying rent, getting household items, furniture, etc
    - Has been doing really well
    - Connecting with support systems, help renewing certification and lease
    - Has survivor guilt about people she is close with in her community not having housing, has helped her keep boundaries to maintain voucher
* Goals for 2024 – increasing housing placements, access through ESSHI
  + People want to live alone, can cause turnover in units – looking to find more opportunities to meet preference
  + Working to make shelters an access point for Coordinated Entry, consistency in assessment
  + Increasing case conferencing meetings and effectiveness
    - Feedback is welcome!
    - Case conferencing for RRH, DV RRH (TSCLI), Suffolk longest shelter stayers on second Thursday at 12, Nassau longest shelter stayers third Thursday at 12pm
    - If interested in joining, reach out to Jess and sign confidentiality agreements
* Jessica Labia- [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)
* Helpline- 631-464-4314 ext. 118
* Reflection: there are many people from multiple agencies involved in this work, thank you to all for playing your part!

**PIT Count Updates, Nicole Rodi and Meaghan Obergh LICH social work interns**

* Count will take place 1/24/24
* Seeking volunteers, especially bilingual, people with lived experience
  + Volunteer registration form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xiwf9afoLkqDtg3Nf8MIH_c03zWTH3hGj_FS3MZCNEVUM0MyQ08yRE9PMzNQTFlYREpVWEVNWjZJUiQlQCN0PWcu>
* Working to get in touch with youth providers to create plan for youth outreach
* Seeking host site – centers/locations that serve unsheltered individuals that can help complete surveys with those served on day of the count
  + Host site registration form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xiwf9afoLkqDtg3Nf8MIH_c03zWTH3hGj_FS3MZCNEVUQ1YwTjIwNkRVOVYyVDZRVkZDRUhZT0JBSyQlQCN0PWcu>

**General Announcements / Open Share**

* HMIS, Wyane Scallon LICH
  + HMIS annual agreements will be sent soon by Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin
  + Please fill out as quickly as possible
  + 4-5 annual agreements and user agreements for each user
  + Due date usually middle to end of January

**Attendees**

Anne Degruttola, Bethany House

William Best, Bridges

Crystal Alexander, CHI

Kaylee Barriga, FCA

Kellee Barrett, FCA

Szaleia Griffin, FCA

Valerie Chamberlain, FSL

Catherine Albanese, FSL

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP SUFFOLK

Cara Cantor, HFY

Lexi Catrone, Huntington Youth Bureau Sanctuary Project

Tara Corn, Friedberg JCC

Deborah Sanderson, TSLI

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Petal Bowen-Walcott, LICH

Greta Guarton, LICH

Yolanda Smith, LICH

Stephanie Reed, LICH

Carrie Garcia, LICH

Dayne Brown, LICH

Jessica Labia, LICH

Nicole Rod, LICH

Stephanie Warnken, Mercy Haven

Tara Saintil, MSAC

Melissa Amodeo, Options

Stephanie Leon, SEPA Mujer

Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes and Property Development

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

Nicole Belfiore, FSL

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House

Jenna Zambrano, SEPA Mujer

Danielle Devine, HELP USA