**NY-603 Monthly CoC Business Meeting**

**June 17, 2022**

Link to recording: <https://youtu.be/dzwYMnaqp-0>

**Attendance:** Participant attendance was recorded based on those that recorded their full name and any affiliation, using the chat box feature. Attendees listed at end of minutes.

**CoC Funding/Capacity Building/Planning**

* 2022 Funding Round – HUD opened CoC registration and closed it 6/13. The local CoC had no changes to make so our registration was automatically submitted. This seems to be a sign that the NOFO will be released soon.
* 2022 Ranking Committee- Renewal Applications- The ranking committee has met several times, looking at criteria for renewals. The scorecard for new programs will be reviewed shortly. The committee has been looking closely at criteria from prior years and updating it by looking at regional gaps from most recent data, as well as what programs already exist to meet the need. Once the NOFO drops, new criteria may be added to reflect HUDs requirements. The ranking committee will keep the CoC updated and will release the scorecards when available.

**COVID Funding/Response**

* NCDSS/SCDSS Updates – There have not been too many changes, no comments made on call.
* Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) Updates
	+ Alison Karppi, Town of Brookhaven – Brookhaven has exceeded 50% draw down as of 6/16. They have until next September to keep spending. Subrecipients have been doing a lot of work to accomplish this. Draw down for rapid rehousing and homeless prevention funds has been difficult and the jurisdiction was only able to accomplish the target by spending funds on shelter renovations.
	+ Angel Macchia, Nassau County – Nassau is not going to make the 50% draw down requirement and funds will be recaptured, but it is unclear how much at this time. They are hoping this will not affect subrecipients too much. The programs who have not been spending are aware of the situation and most likely their funds will expire. This struggle to spend down has mostly affected rapid rehousing (RRH) and homelessness prevention programs. The back and forth and changing of requirements mid-stream has made things difficult.
		- Contact information for questions: Angel Macchia/ESG NC 516-572-1976; amacchia@nassaucountyny.gov
* EFSP - Health and Welfare Council (HWCLI) is still finalizing their process and still haven’t gotten all funds released. As per their update, the “region should almost completely be funded in next few weeks.” HWCLI is keeping a list of EFSP potential clients and doing light touch intakes. Funding is available for residents of Nassau and Suffolk for food assistance, utility assistance, rental arrears and mortgage arrears (eligible programs).
	+ Phone number : 516.559.4453
* HUD notice on expedited regulatory waivers for ESG, CoC, YHDP, and HOPWA programs in response to COVID-19
	+ Requests for vouchers must be submitted, will be expedited, have to include what program for, specific contract, specific period of time. Agencies will need to submit waiver for each program and proposed waiver duration cannot exceed 3/2023.
	+ Inspections – There have been delays or ability to waive in person inspection requirements previously. With the new guidance, physical inspections must be done, but could be done with the “use of proxy”, meaning one person must be on site to facilitate a virtual inspection. More guidance will be available in future. It is unclear what the policy on re-inspections will be.
	+ Waived requirements - The one-year lease requirement can be waived, clients can get shorter lease terms if necessary. The number of people per bedroom can also be increased if it facilitates housing into permeant units. For ESG & CoC rental assistance the 24 month limits can be extended up to March 31, 2023, effective date extension request submitted. Guidance from technical assistance representatives will answer how rental arrears will be handled for situations where the 24 months have already expired. Currently, it is not limited to fair market rent (FMR) and rent reasonableness is being worked on. Please reach out to LICH with further questions.
* HOME-ARP – This program is operating in Nassau County and various jurisdictions in Suffolk. They are getting closer to decisions on how the money will be spent.
	+ Alison Karppi, Brookhaven – ToB has been speaking with Nassau & Islip and are basically on the same page about the need for affordable housing. ToB has to submit allocation plan to HUD and get approval. They are starting to look at approved allocation plans and working with a consultant. They are planning to send a plan over to HUD sometime in July. Once get approved they will share with everybody. All municipalities working together on comprehensive plan that will work across counties with same ultimate goal, even if the plans vary.

**Coordinated Entry System**

* Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Coordination (Jessica Labia) - 467 households were initially referred, 63 have been withdrawn. 127 have been leased up as of yesterday (up from 101 from last month). In Nassau 109 voucher holders have not leased up. In Suffolk 142 are still working on leasing up, with a total of 251 working on leasing up in both counties. The overall utilization rate is 33.6% Our jurisdiction has submitted the most vouchers and leased the most households overall. Most households are on extensions and will need reasonable accommodation. The Village of Hempstead has leased 16 of 17 households, waiting on the last one. Town of Brookhaven has been referred 26 out of 24, and the hope is to get HCV for the over-referral. New staff members have joined LICH’s EHV team, including Petal Bowen who will the senior support specialist for households after their move-in.
* Coordinated Entry System (CES) Team- LICH
	+ EHV & CE success – Mr. Adams (pseudonym) was living on street for over 6 years and was able to connect with EHV. Dwayne has been working with the client from around 2017. Mr. Adams was adamant about wanting to live alone. He was SPA approved but there was no single room occupancy availability. He received EHV in December and experienced a lot of discrimination from living on the street. Landlords and realtors would ask why he was homeless for so long and questions about his hygiene. Mr. Adams is a quiet, older gentleman and just need to someone to take a chance on him. He was able to move in on June 1st in the town where he is most comfortable, and his landlord is very happy with him as a tenant. So many people got involved with advocating for him, getting move-in and broker fees. It took a village to do it. We are very happy for him!
	+ CE referred 1 CoC male to PSH vacancy in Nassau. New CE staff is starting currently, including Alexis Goglas who will be working with shelter clients.
	+ The CE Steering committee is piloting the new assessment and getting feedback. They are working on rolling it out in near future.
	+ DV CES- TSCLI (Kelly Callahan) – DV CE currently has 84 households on the waitlist, including 68 families. 47 of households are literally homeless. No referrals to RRH have been made this month.

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) –** Wayne was not on call, no updates provided

**Other Announcements**

* DEI trainings – Training open to CoC is two days, 6/29 & 6/30. Register by 6/24, proof of vaccination is required. The training is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. The ranking committee is looking at including DEI work going forward. The governance board will decide is they want to make the training mandatory.
* Keys Conference – Committee met yesterday. They selected four recipients to the Trade Winds scholarship. No date has been set for the conference yet, nor has it been decided whether it will be in person or virtual. The theme will be “Taking Whole Health to the Forefront” and focused on best practices for leadership to support staff and staff to support clients. The conference date will likely be late fall. The committee is working on finding a venue, and if one is not secured by July 1st the conference will be virtual. Any ideas for venue should go to Greta.
* General announcements (Mike Giuffrida) – Shared links on Juneteenth and Pride month. Shared resource for NICE bus mini, transportation service in Nassau that costs $2.75 per ride. Might be free for month of June.
	+ [**https://www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html**](https://www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html)
	+ [**https://www.longislandpress.com/2022/06/02/pride-month-events-on-long-island-2022/**](https://www.longislandpress.com/2022/06/02/pride-month-events-on-long-island-2022/)
	+ [**https://www.nicebus.com/Passenger-Information/NiceLink**](https://www.nicebus.com/Passenger-Information/NiceLink)

**Attendee sign-ins:**

Justin Hornung, Suffolk County Community Development

Ruth McDade, Association for Mental Health and Wellness

Jestine Jennings, FCALI

Ariel Sotelo - Círculo de la Hispanidad Housing Program

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Daniel Stern, Concern

Catherine Albanese, Family Service League

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House of Nassau County

Vicki McGinn - Suburban Housing

Ann D'Amico - MHANC

Petal Bowen - Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Danielle Devine - HELP USA

Kelly Callahan - The Safe Center

Greta Guarton, LI Coalition for the Homeless

Brian Inserro – FREE

Samantha Barone from the Huntington Youth Bureau Sanctuary Project

Robert ODonnell, EOC of Suffolk, Inc

Nicole Falkman, Community Housing Innovations

Dolores Kordon, Brighter Tomorrows

Jessica Labia, LICH

Alexis Goglas - LI Coalition for the Homeless

Andrea Ramirez - Circulo de la Hispanidad

Gabrielle Fasano, SUS

Stephen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

Terri Tupper - LICH & LI Connections

Angel Macchia, Nassau County OCD/ESG

Romarie McCue, The Retreat Inc.

Erin Basham - Options for Community Living

Chanee Hammonds Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corporation.

Valerie Chamberlain – FSL

**--------------After 9:20am--------------**

MaryEllen Adams - Hope For Youth

Andrea Kerr, RHY director, FCA

Kathy Henry Mental Health Association of Nassau County

Elizabeth Lunde, Concern