**Welcome!**

* Please sign in via the chat for attendance purposes

**2020 CoC Funding Round**

* No updates
* Rumor for COVID-19 relief package
  + HUD to try to put waiver in place
  + Possibility that all CoC existing projects will be renewed at the same level for another year
  + Unsure if possibility for opportunities for reallocation (will update CoC when there are more details)

**2021 CoC Funding Round**

* Not sure what this funding round will look like

**Governance Board Nominations and Elections**

* 1-year terms for GB and Ranking Committee
* Usual process – nominated and voted upon at this meeting for January (did not happen yet)
  + Proposal for time being – to extend current board and RC for 1 month
  + We will get out information for nominations to do elections in January for the coming year
  + Discussion for 2-year terms for GB (1-year terms may be too short)
    - Both proposals sound good based on feedback
    - **(VOTE) – Proposal to extend 2 committees for 1 month to give us time to vote and select new people**
      * 1st motion – Greta
      * 2nd motion for vote – Gabby/Mike
      * 0 abstentions/opposed
    - **(VOTE) – Proposal for change of GB to 2-year terms beginning in 2021 ending in 2023 (with opportunity if someone drops off or there are vacant positions to fill those)** 
      * 1st motion – Greta
      * 2nd motion – Donna
      * 0 abstentions/opposed
    - **Later Discussion - May need to revisit list of categories that are going to be represented on the GB and allow from feedback from CoC for additional categories to be considered** 
      * **On Minutes - Ask for feedback on additional categories and include list of current categories**

**Shelter Updates**

**Nassau County Department of Social Services**

* 1101 total individuals, 1487 last year (census is lower)
* 646 cases, 710 are adults and 391 are children
* Isolation site, 6 cases for covid (3 are positive, 3 under investigation either quarantine or testing until medical clearance to leave)
  + 2 families and 4 singles
* Brought in 13 single men in last night to shelter (living on the street in Hempstead)
* Trying to work with Freeport (evicted tents) – tried to work with them before the storm but they did not accept the shelter
* List of Warming Centers (Nassau)
  + Cantiague Park – Hicksville
  + Wantagh Park – Wantagh
  + Mitchel Field Athletic Complex – Uniondale
    - All warming centers follow COVID protocols and attendees will be required to fill out a COVID assessment and wear PPE. PPE will be provided if needed
    - Hours of Operation – 8AM to 6PM (For any day the temperature reaches 32 degrees or lower)

**Suffolk County Department of Social Services**

* 508 singles, 380 families compared to 515 and 505 this time last year
* Uptick in last couple of weeks (beginning of the month – 495 singles and 368 families)
* Increase in covid positive cases (in shelters and coming into shelter)
* Family shelter – tested positive (set up testing site there and clients are quarantining/isolated in their rooms)
  + 17 individuals tested positive
  + 8 individuals in one of the motels are being isolated there
* Centers (remained open yesterday, not a lot of traffic)
  + Uptick in public assistance applications and calls for assistance with rent arrears
    - County Executive Office – rental arrears grant available through Office of Community Development (application process – open from 12/15 to 1/15 and done by lottery – sent to CoC list 2x)
      * Will share information with anyone that calls us
      * Encouraging people to come/apply for temporary assistance to have rental arrears paid (staff onboard and trained for this)
      * Suffolk County did receive ESG funding
        + Working with two agencies to get programs up and running and will share information with everyone
        + As of right now, moratorium is through 12/31 – hopefully, it will get pushed out for another month, etc.
    - Question: Will there be something similar for Nassau County?
      * CDC LI – working on something very similar rental arrears program for Nassau, Babylon, Islip, and Brookhaven for more than 1-month TBA
    - HCR re-opening their application as well for the rental arrear funding (expanded eligibility criteria)
* Warming Centers (Suffolk County) Please call the individual numbers for hours of operation and more information
  + Babylon – 631-857-3000
  + Huntington – 631-351-3000
  + Islip – 631-224-5585
  + Riverhead – 631-727-3200
  + Brookhaven – 631-451-8696
  + Smithtown – 631-360-7512
  + Shelter Island – 631-749-0291
  + Southold – 631-765-4333
  + Southampton – 631-283-6000
  + East Hampton – 631324-4141

**CV Funding/Planning (ESG/CDBG)**

* Still in process
* Decisions have not been finalized
* NC in the process of determining their 2nd round awards
  + Town of Brookhaven
  + Suffolk DSS working with some providers directly to get funds in the community for different activities
  + Most of those programs are not in operation yet
  + Have not been able to use ESG funding yet
    - Awarded funding for HP in the first round
    - Still making decisions in second round of funding
      * Impossible to use money because there are no evictions happening right now (cannot use it on rental arrears, etc.)
      * The Tenant Safe Harbor Act – how that will affect everyone, if and when the moratorium is lifted
      * Suggesting that the tenants go to DSS for one shot for arrears (do not require eviction notice)
      * Call set for later today – Some regions that are experiencing the same challenges will look at their programs and submit substantial amendments to do RRH in the first round and move HP to second round so funds can be used sooner
        + This will be a discussion later today – Angel will keep everyone posted and hopefully this can free up some funding
      * Planning Meetings (HP Cohort, RRH Cohort)
        + Meeting weekly
        + Working on the written standards (consistency across the board)
        + HP providers – sharing a program in HMIS so that there are no duplications of services, clients are getting what they need, etc.

**Coordinated Entry – LICH**

* Referred 3 NC Singles to PSH in last couple of weeks
* Referred NC Long term street homeless couple to PSH this week (saw unit and really liked it)
* Referred 1 Street homeless priority client to SPA in NC
* Referred 2 Shelter priority clients to SPA in SC
* Long term covid priority household PSH in SC
* 19 households pulled by RRH waitlist by various providers (couple of HH declined but majority will be enrolled with RRH programs)
* Partnering with FREE to use some of their homeless housing assistance program beds – to exit some of our vulnerable older single families in NC (making referrals in next couple of weeks)
* Biggest concern this week is the snowstorm
  + Street Outreach Team – focused on making sure clients had a safe place to stay due to the snowstorm, etc.
* Jessica will be off until after the new year – in the event there are PSH vacancies, please send any PSH notifications to Stephanie Reed, [sreed@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:sreed@addressthehomeless.org)

**CE Steering Committee**

* Have not had a meeting since the last
* Working on advertising material
  + Reaching people who are not identified by TSCLI, LICH, or both
  + Resources and contact information for those who are living unsheltered or actively fleeing DV but not currently in a shelter
* Using an assessment tool
  + Working with TAC
  + Use this to objectively prioritize covid priority households
  + Feedback – localized tool looking at local needs with local data (more effective and reflective of those who are in need in our local community)
  + Look at assessment tool to see what is working/what is not and planning ahead (if and when we move on beyond covid prioritization, what our assessment process will look like)

**Coordinated Entry – TSCLI**

* Last week we had 6 referrals
* 2 households with Brighter Tomorrow’s and 1 with Circulo de la Hispanidad
* Seeing about an average of 2.3 pairings with RRH program per month
* Hoping to have about 6-8 HH’s paired within the next 3 months with programs
* We have an Employment Specialist helping clients with people on the waitlist – working on resumes, interviewing skills, etc. (working with folks readily prepared to stay in apartments once they get into a program)

**HMIS Updates**

* Please continue using the covid awareness screening tool (shelter programs)
* Trainings
  + 3 a month – 2 new user and 1 intermediate
  + January trainings scheduled
    - 2 on January 8th
    - Afternoon session on January 21st
    - Please contact Roxzelle for more questions: [rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org)
* HMIS agreements (renewals for new year)
  + Starting any day
  + Some parts of the process may look a bit different (intent to make it efficient and easier for everyone)
  + Please contact Roxzelle for more questions: rbannerman@addressthehomeless.org
* ESG CV HP Programs
  + Training demo of ESG-CV HP and HMIS later today in HP Cohort meeting
    - HMIS functions and forms that HP Programs will need to use and best practices involving those
    - All ESG-CV programs in HMIS and users
    - If you are unsure who your users are, please contact Wayne: [wscallon@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:wscallon@addressthehomeless.org)
    - HUD LSA Submission
      * Extended deadline to 1/15
      * Thank you to agencies that responded to fix data quality inquiries, etc.
      * Please treat any requests up until 1/15 as a priority

**CoC Training & Support**

2020 PIT Count

* Thanh is working on the location list (contacting agencies to participate in pit)
* Tentative date for PIT is 1/22 (Friday)
* Please read 2021 PIT Contingency Plan (in the event of a shutdown or inclement weather)
* Training for PIT will take place 1 week prior to the event to go over logistics, pick up time and date for materials, safety inquiries for outreach, where and when to submit completed surveys, etc.

Diversion Training

* Doing a lot of work with HP Cohort
* Discussion with TAC – Housing Focused Case Management/Diversion for shelter operators and staff
  + In the process of working on this for the new year
  + Revamping CES Training for our various partners
* RRH Cohort
  + Working with ICF to solicit feedback
    - Guidance and what form that guidance can best be delivered to our partners

**Announcements**

* Extension of all waivers TBA (HUD is looking to extend all waivers that had already been reissued twice)
  + **HUD Weekly COVID Response Office Hours** <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/>
  + COVID Resource Page on LIHomeless.org <https://www.lihomeless.org/covid-19>
  + HUD Waivers: Memo <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Availability-of-Waivers-of-CPD-Grant-Program-and-Consolidated-Plan-Requirements-to-Prevent-the-Spread-of-COVID-19-and-Mitigate-Economic-Impacts-Caused-by-COVID-19.pdf>
  + Additional Waivers: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional_Waivers_for_CPD_Grant_Programs_to_Prevent_COVID-19_Spread_and_Mitigate_COVID-19_Economic_Impacts.pdf?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=0a4b21aecc-COVID-19-Waiver-HOPWA-5.27.20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-0a4b21aecc-19249601>
  + **Link to customize waivers:** [**https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/**](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/)
  + **Local field Office email to send waivers:** [**CPD\_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov**](mailto:CPD_COVID-19AmendmentNY@hud.gov)
* CoC Dates for 2021
  + 3rd Friday of each month
  + Keeping the same time schedule

**Project Hope**

* 1 of agencies with Crisis Counselors and MHAW in Suffolk County
* All information please go to NYProjectHope.org – Crisis Counselor HelpLine (if any clients have covid related emotional issues and need assistance)
* We will have more information on this next week