**January 20, 2023**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/BuW4-tNknD0**](https://youtu.be/BuW4-tNknD0)

**Attendees listed at end of document**

CoC Funding, Capacity Building & Planning

1. Updates for 2022 CoC Funding Round & 2022 Supplemental NOFO to Address Street Homelessness (Greta Guarton, LICH)
   * HUD has not yet made announcements on funding awards for either funding round, but these are expected by the end of next week. LICH will send out information to applicants as soon as it is received.
   * All new applicants and previous grantees are asked to go into esnaps to make sure user information is current and UEI numbers are correct. This will ensure faster completion of contracts once the 2022 awards are announced.
2. 2023 CoC Funding Round (Greta Guarton, LICH)
   * HUD has announced that CoCs may register for awards announcements.
   * At the recent Long Island Community Development Organization Collaborative meeting, information was shared indicating that the funding round may start earlier this year.
     1. There is a new CPD director, Abigail Ford. Vincent Hahm has retired.
   * All potential applicants are encouraged to get in touch with LICH as soon as possible. The learning curve for submitting applications for CoC funding is challenging, and LICH can provide support and guidance.
3. CoC Monitoring (Mike Giuffrida, LICH)
   * The Governance Board is having early planning discussions about monitoring CoC funded programs to come up with a plan and decide priorities. The goal is for monitoring to be efficient, effective, and supportive to the agencies monitored. The GB is discussing ways to involve people with lived experience and to be person-centric when evaluating programs. Monitoring can be viewed as another way the CoC can provide support to programs.
   * The CoC is contracted with the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) and will begin to map out a schedule for CoC trainings to offer CoC funded agencies and the CoC network at large.
4. Point in Time Count (Al Licata, LICH)
   * The PIT Count will take place on 1/25/23. We are not seeking any more volunteers at this time.
   * For registered volunteers, there will be another training taking place next Monday 1/23 from 6-7:30pm. Register here:
     + <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcofuyuqz8qH9LQGpOxFJ9hFqdYJTlz3Rm5>
   * Teams can pick up their supplies at the LICH office today through Tuesday during business hours. This will include essential items (coats, socks, hygiene kits, etc), surveys, and resource cards.
   * There will also be digital versions of the survey available shortly.

Coordinated Entry System Updates (Jessica Labia, LICH)

1. General CES Updates
   * Latest referrals:
     + 18 households to rapid rehousing (RRH) since December 2022
     + 4 households of adults living unsheltered referred to CoC PSH beds
       - 2 of these were couples that have been homeless for over 5 years. Dwayne Brown worked to get these households in to PSH, one with Catholic Charities that moved in right before Christmas, and the other which moved in to SSVF to transition over to EHV after the new year.
   * Case conferencing is having regular meetings
     + Suffolk Shelter Case Conferencing- every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am
     + Nassau Shelter Case Conferencing- every 3rd Thursday of the month at 12pm
     + Rapid Rehousing case conferencing- every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am
   * A nurse has been available to CE to do psychiatric evaluations in the past month, completing 8
2. Emergency Housing Voucher program (EHV)
   * Summary statistics:
     1. 12 official lease ups last month
     2. 265 total households housed with EHV
     3. 200 new referrals over last 2 months
     4. Our region was originally allotted 260 vouchers and is now competing for remaining vouchers. Over 700 households are on the waiting list
   * The EHV program has until September 2023 to issue the last voucher. After that date, the goal is to roll over EHVs into the regular voucher program (HCV), as they officially expire in 2030.
   * It is unknown whether this program will be renewed. There was advocacy around increasing voucher overall on a national level before the latest budget release. It was thought by advocates to be more feasible with a Democratically controlled house and senate, which is no longer the case after the midterms. Funding for more vouchers was not included in the latest budget.

Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) Updates (Wayne Scallon, LICH)

1. Reports
   * The LSA was submitted to HUD on time on 1/11/23. This is a system-wide HMIS report on data quality, housing utilization, HMIS bed usage compared to the HIC, etc.
     + Uploading function has been turned back on as off last week.
   * ESG-CV reporting is ongoing through January for towns and municipalities.
   * SSVF monthly uploads report is due the 1st week of February.
   * RHY reporting is going on now.
   * The HUD system-wide report on system performance measures is due 2/28.
   * All agencies, please continue to focus on HMIS data quality, especially timely intakes and exits of clients from programs.
   * PIT & HIC reporting goes into the spring. Wayne may be requesting clarification on beds and housing from agencies.
2. Trainings
   * Latest intermediate training was on Wednesday (1/18)
   * Upcoming trainings:
     + 2/7: Data quality training – all agencies are requested to send at least one user for this training
     + 2/16: New user training – this can also serve as a refresher for users who have been off the system for a while
   * Users are encouraged to take advantages of training resources available.
     + There is a video on data security and privacy that is important for every user to watch.
   * Contact Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin for information on training and where to find training videos and resources.
3. Annual user agreements are due on 1/31.
4. HUD’s comment period for feedback on the race, ethnicity, and gender data elements is now closed. We will find out about any changes made likely in the summer, and these changes will go live on 10/1/2023 along with normally scheduled changes.

Community Announcements

1. Mike Giuffrida (LICH) HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge in releasing an updated [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) proposed rule](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefault.salsalabs.org%2FTfd6cb7a0-ca05-436f-a9c4-96384295ad81%2Fba91abda-3c37-4bf3-8a6e-2b5c8886b77c&data=05%7C01%7Calicata%40addressthehomeless.org%7Cf7d056dd340b483a3cf708dafaef31df%7Cf51f2c5ee8a74a2e83b60dcd7fc3081f%7C0%7C0%7C638098202490126256%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ITsjaVyC5gvtxDIqdf8FeJmfHzMOoz5TWGmzyocq3UI%3D&reserved=0). Other Fair Housing resources can be found here:
   * <https://www.hud.gov/AFFH?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=dcf9328e-914a-42ee-a20d-8d99321da49c>
   * <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Respondent-Obligations-in-Fair-Housing-Investigations-Interactive-Diagram.pdf>
   * <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-statewide-strategy-address-new-yorks-housing-crisis-and-build-800000#:~:text=Governor%20Kathy%20Hochul%20today%20announced,2023%20State%20of%20the%20State>.
2. Angel Macchia, Nassau County Community Development: Wednesday 1/25, Nassau County is holding a public hearing on funding proposals. The meeting will be held hybrid at 6pm.
   * Call Angel with any questions: 516-572-1976
3. Allison Karppi, Town of Brookhaven: Town of Brookhaven’s public hearing will be on 3/1 to discuss all grants. ToB is preparing the request for funding proposals (RFP) for ESG to be released on 1/26. Applications will be due 2/23/23.
4. Greta Guarton (LICH) - OMH will be funding 8 street outreach safety teams across NYS (outside NYC) that include behavioral health and plan to visit the same clients multiple times a week. Information has gone out through OTDA & OMH websites, email blasts, publications. Greta will send out more info if needed NY

**Attendees**

Catherine Albanese, FSL

Tina Goodrich, HELP USA

George Stone, SCUV

Vicki McGuin, Suburban Housing

Wayne Scallon, LICH

Donna O’Hearon, Mercy Haven

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House

Brian Inserro, FREE

Jamie Haruthunian, Nassau County DSS

Aviva Cohen, HALI

Greta Guarton, LICH

Shawna McCann, Mommas House

Chanee Hammond, Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corp

Angel Macchia, NC OCD

Sam Polins, LICH

Elizabeth Lunde, Concern

Laura La Sala, Charles Evan Center

Cara Cantor, Hope for Youth

Robert ODonnell, EOC of Suffolk

Ruth McDade, MHAW

Jesse Delman, Bridges of NY

Rose Cicchetti, LICH

Daniela Franco, Brighter Tomorrows

Kelly Gildea, Suburban Housing

Judelca Batista-Reyes, LICH

Samantha Grimaldi, LICH

Jestine Jennings, FCA  
Deirdre Trumpy, Mommas House

Shirley Lara, EOC of Suffolk

Petal Bowen-Walcott, LICH

Terri Tupper, LICH & LI Connections

Roger Leathers, Beacon House

Gabrielle Fasano, SUS  
Stephen Brazeau, Hope House Ministries

Jessica Labia, LICH

Stephanie Reed, LICH

Melissa Amodeo, Options

William Best, Bridges of NY

Maria Puleo, LICH

Erin Basham, Options

Diane Saunders, The Retreat

Danielle Devine, HELP USA

Kathy Henry, MHANC

Justin Hornung, Suffolk County Community Development

Salina Barnao, New Ground

**-------- after 9:15AM -----------**

Ariel Sotelo, CDLH

Valerie Chamberlain, FSL