**NY-603 Governance Board Meeting Agenda**

**June 17, 2022**

**Zoom**

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

Keys Conference theme announcement – Taking Whole Health to the Forefront: An inclusive conference of caregiving for clients, employees, and ourselves

* The theme will be centered on how employers can help staff, how staff can help themselves, and how we can help our clients

**Review of CoC Survey Results (sent out via email, presented by Al Licata & Mike Giuffrida)**

* Overview of regional needs: It’s hard to estimate the need for families because it is unknown how many will be served by EHV now and in the future. Chronic homeless singles on the street are hardest to serve, which was implied in the survey feedback. Using the regional gaps analysis, programs serving CH unsheltered single adults will be ranked the highest.
* Discussion: Are there any stand-alone programs that provide for case management and other needs?
  + Valerie Chamberlain – Family Service League received funding for homeless families to stabilize, one component is to help stabilize into permanent housing. Case management and financial assistance can be provided. Right now they are only looking for light touch cases where households might need financial assistance to move out in complement with other funding, providing something like a broker fee. Stabilization services are available when housing is pending or once located in the community and includes home-based services. The funding has loose requirements for eligible activities. A referral form can be sent out, but not shared with the whole CoC because FSL does not have the capacity to respond to many referrals. Availability limited to households in Suffolk with children.
  + Mercy Haven – Has food pantry, willing to send flyer to whole CoC.
  + Mike Giuffrida - Tools for conversations w/ clients to have conversations about what they need, more effective and more likely to be accepted once clients are in permeant housing
    - [**https://www.orgcode.com/free-resources**](https://www.orgcode.com/free-resources)
  + Frances Pierre (DSS Commissioner) – Is there a way to pair clients in boarding/rooming houses with support services? Over 40 people are currently in boarding homes
    - Mike G. – LICH team would be interested in providing training and guidance to boarding home staff.
    - Services would have to be paired with the person, not the location, since they are no longer homeless once in a boarding home. Connecting people to care coordination before moving to a boarding home could be an option.
  + Greta – Please reach out if you know of alternative sources of funding for these services.
* Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) – This strategy could serve our region and is fundable. From the survey comments, it seemed that there was not familiarity with the model. TH-RRH model is meant to be low barrier short term crisis housing, with most of the response focused on permeant housing and RRH. Not every household needs to be offered TH, all must be offered RRH. The goal of TH-RRH to serve vulnerable populations in crisis w/ short crisis stay in TH, quickly moved onto RRH with housing search, and then a move to PH with wrap around supports
* Racial Equity discussion – Proposed making racial equity training mandatory, but would need t be voted on by Governance Board
  + Deirde Trumpy - Ranking committee acknowledged that without a mandate or incentive voluntary participation does not happen.
  + Greta - Generally HUD increases proof requirement of ranking criteria, after first year they get more specific and general narrative does not suffice. They will likely be looking at more things going forward, including make-up of staff and nature of racial equity work being done. What is reasonable to mandate going forward? What is our capacity?
  + Mike – Heard from Racial Equity Network that points from COVID-19 response last year on NOFO might shift to racial equity work and addressing racial disparities going forward, especially as the pandemic had racially disparate outcomes. Therefore points for racial equity are expected to increase, would not be surprising to see an increase from 7 points to 25 points. This could include referrals equitable and meeting presenting population, matching % of referrals and % of presenting population. Right now we actually refer more than presenting to make up for racial disparities. We have not made formal committee to review data and make action items. HUD interested in staff being trained, representing population serving. We are going to be held accountable for data driven outcomes, for example, are disparities of those experiencing homelessness in your system going down.

**Update on CE Assessment Pilot**

* The guidance for COVID based assessment timed out. The steering committee is working on a new assessment valuing barriers, vulnerabilities and equity. Lived experts are included on feedback loops and the committee is working with a technical assistance (TA) provider. The finalized draft will be brought to GB to decide upon because it is a prioritization decision. Currently staff are piloting assessment with people currently experiencing homelessness and getting feedback. Frontline staff are encouraged to test with a diverse group in terms of household composition, living situation, race, and gender. DV CE is also piloting with survivors and targeting people who have already completed RRH. They will make sure they are also targeting different demographical groups.
* Once the feedback is formalized, it will be presented to the GB. The GB will have to decide whether the assessment is appropriate, if they have any recommendations for changes, when the prioritization will change, and will be able to ask why questions have been incorporate and time to discuss. Optimistically this presentation will happen next month.

**DEI training for all GB members- July 7**

* Waitlist slots will be offered to non-CoC funded agencies. No payments are required.

**Restructure working group**

* Group has been meeting every 2 weeks with ICF and having extensive discussion on revising GB charter. ICF now has document and has been making final updates that they will then submit to restructure committee, which will then be reviewed by the GB.