**August 3rd 2022**

**Attendees: Karl Bertrand (Co-chair), Craig Wong (Co-chair), Cynthia Knox, Cheryl Knox, Warren Kent, Vincent Madera, Sylvia Bolivar, Yascara Maldonado, Linny Smith, Natalie Ventura, Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Yoav Spiegel, Elissa Guzzardi, Tashi Njoroge, Quantel Bazemore, La Tonia Rosado, JoMarie Tarchoun, Ingrid, Cajina, Miguel Velasquez, Lisa Marville, Kathy Pandekakes, Walt Ritz, Brittany Hodgins, Angela Bailey, Ruthanne Becker, Jhalishia Slaughter, Allison McSpedon, Jenny Badree, Cordetta Creighton, Alicia Lore-Grachan, Cassandra Rajcumar, Tory Washington, Jesse Johnson, Elissa Ramos, Marlene Zarfes, Louise Hamilton**

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| **Topic #1:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Announcements/Updates** | * Karl Bertrand & Craig Wong Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. * Co-chairs called for the motion to accept June minutes. Elissa Ramos, Westhab Inc. motioned to accept, Kathy Pandekakes, HDSW seconded. All in favor zero opposed. * Helen Frankel, FSSY announced FSSY in contract with the city of Yonkers has started a 1 year program addressing hoarding. Program information was provided to the board via email. * Jenny Badree, PD&D presented the Good News segment announcing that our CoC colleague Anahaita Kotval, LUW was named one of Westchester’s CEOs & Business Leaders of the Year by 914 Inc. Magazine. |
| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **HOME ARP update** | * Sylvia Bolivar, City of Mount Vernon announced the HOME ARP plan was accepted by HUD. The funds received will be allocated towards tenant base rental assistance and supportive services. * Craig Wong, Co-chair provided the following updates:   + City of New Rochelle HOME ARP plan has been adopted by the City Council and is currently in process of being submitted to HUD.   + Westchester County HOME ARPP plan is being written and the data is being reviewed. The planning department is preparing a gap analysis for the foundation of the report. The analysis will be available at a later date and at that time the public comment period will open. |
| **Topic #3:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Update on new CoC application** | * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH announced the NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition has been released. Applications are due Friday September 30th 2022. * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH reported the CoC Admin committee recommends the board to vote on the Westchester County Continuum of Care releasing an RFI for the CoC & DV Bonus projects. * The CoC Admin committee recommends that half of the CoC bonus be allocated to Permanent Supportive Housing and remaining half to Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing targeting populations discussed at the CoC meeting on priorities. * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH explained that the DV Bonus project can be used for Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing or a combination of either TH & PH-RRH. * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH explained that bonus scoring will be awarded to both projects that leverage Health Care & other housing resources by utilizing non CoC/ESG funded housing subsidies. * Yoav Spiegel & Annette Peters-Ruvolo, DCMH explained how Matching funds can be used for both projects. * Co-chairs called for motion to accept proposal for the Request for Information proposal. Vincent Madera, Children Village motioned to accept, Judy Mezey, City of White Plains seconded. All in favor zero opposed. * Co-chairs announced the RFI will be released by Friday August 5th 2022 and the CoC Board will meet weekly for the next several weeks to discuss the NOFO (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition. |
| **Topic #4:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Special NOFO decision** |        Yoav Spiegel, DCMH reported Westchester County Continuum Care of Care did not apply for the CoC funding opportunity to address unsheltered homelessness and homelessness encampments including funds set aside specifically to address homelessness in rural communities. |
| **Topic #5:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Prevalence of Development Disabilities within our CoC** | * Jenny Badree, PD&D provided HMIS statistic report on the number of customers experiencing homelessness with developmental disabilities. The report showed that this population is underserved and remains homeless 27 months longer than any other population in the system. |
| **Topic #6:** | **Discussion:** |
| **HCR EHV** | * Jesse Johnson, Westhab Inc. reviewed the current EHV report and announced that the EHV waitlist was lifted and 58 new eligibility application were received. The CoC EHV Steering Committee is also looking for more referrals. * Material with the data was provided to the board members via email. |
| **Topic #7:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Eviction Moratorium** | * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reviewed the current volume of Westchester County eviction cases post moratorium sourced from LSHV court database. * Material with the data was provided to the Board members via email. |
| **Topic #8:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Plans for Rental Supplement Rollout** | * Karl Bertrand & Craig Wong Co-chairs announced responses to the RFP has been received. Plan may be rolled out in September or October. |

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 8/3/2022

Next Meeting: August 17th 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. Location: Zoom Webinar