

**Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

August 19, 2020

Attendees: Annette Peters-Ruvolo (Co Chair) Karl Bertrand (Co Chair), Allison McSpedon, Judy Mezey, Helen Frankel, Nicole Granata, Alba Guevara, Anahaita Kotval, Barbara Pose, Jesse Johnson, JoMarie Tarchoun, Triage Thomas, Craig Wong, Doreen Lockwood, Yoav Spiegel, Christopher Rivera, Patricia Mims, Maria McGinty, Edgar Peralta, Grace Perry, Ruthanne Becker, Dahlia Austin, Erika D'Aquino, Phara Carolei

Topic #1:	Discussion:
Announcements/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Peters Ruvolo, Co-Chair started the monthly board meeting at 935am. • Annette will make corrections to the June meeting minutes. Craig Wong, DSS motioned to approve meeting minutes after changes have been made., Dahlia Austin, DCMH, seconded. All approved, zero opposed. • Jesse Johnson, Westhab motioned to approved meeting minutes for July. Patricia Mims, Children’s Village seconded, all approved; zero opposed. • FY2020 CoC Application – GIW submitted; hoping for NOFA release by Labor Day • Edgar Peralta presented on Project Reach Out (PRO) - HVCS' drug treatment outreach program that works to facilitate admission to drug treatment services, particularly those on the street and in shelters. For more information Edgar can be reached at eperalta@hudsonvalleycs.org 914-785-8319

Topic #2:	Discussion:
Reallocation RFI results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westhab was Board selection for the reallocation project for this year’s NOFA. The project will be an expansion of the DCMH RAP project; DCMH and Westhab continue to work with Greyston to transition current prioritized Issan House residents.

Topic #3:	Discussion:
Coordinated Entry COVID19 policy review – update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoav Spiegel initiated discussion on changes to coordinated entry prioritization and review of recent COVID19 policies. • Craig Wong reported on the progress staff have been making. Staff continues to try to enter relevant information. • Jomarie Tarchoun, DSS, reported no new referrals from updated prioritization list, (no permanent housing score of 5 or higher that have high risk factors of COVID19).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig and Yoav will follow up with Daniel to identify method of identifying risk assessment responses to each person being assessed
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Topic #4:	Discussion:
New York State budget cuts planning (NYS OMH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Peters Ruvolo gave an update on NYS OMH budget withholds to state aid funding, which impacts the supportive services for some of our HUD projects (the largest being the DCMH RAP). • DCMH plans to shift funding from rental assistance to supportive services to make up for the shortfall. • Anahaita Kotval, Lifting Up Westchester, raised concerns with housing inspections for RAP and Turning Point projects. Due to the storm, homes have experienced power issues for two weeks. Home repairs have not been made and fear consequences. Yoav believes HUD 30 day limit for home improvements is absolute. Annette requested that specific circumstances be brought to their attention.

Topic #5:	Discussion:
ESG Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Bertrand, Co-Chair gave an update on ESG priorities. • Street outreach numbers are high, auto exit implementation has helped shelters declutter their system. • Mt Vernon and Yonkers are looking to de-densify by moving high risk people out of congregate shelters. • Yonkers considering targeting prevention funding to recently homeless. • Judy Mezey, the City of White Plains, will do additional research on CDBG funds and if they can be used for planning. • Judy Mezey, the City of White Plains, discussed eviction prevention program models. Judy provided Tiece with the contact information to the lead on the eviction prevention program models- Susan McMahon. • Karl will write up recommendations to be widely distributed.

Topic #6:	Discussion:
Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIT Count planning has begun. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this year's planning can contact Tiece Thomas or Allison McSpedon. The next meeting will be September 1st. • Addressing Racial Disparity workgroup welcomes anyone interested in being a part of this growing group.

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Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m

Respectfully submitted: Tiece Thomas

Date: 11/10/20

Next Meeting: September 16, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m

Location: Zoom Webinar