**January 18, 2023**

**Attendees: Karl Bertrand (Co-chair), Craig Wong (Co-chair), Cynthia Knox, Dawn Gazick, Warren Kent, Vincent Madera, Sylvia Bolivar, Lakia Perkins, Judy Mezey, Khristina Knecht, Alba Guevara, Yoav Spiegel, Danielle Nash, Leslie Liberatore, La Tonia Rosado, JoMarie Casarella, Ingrid Cajina, Randolph Scott, Craig Wong, John Sutton, Helen Frankel, Nicole Granata, Kathy Pandekakes, Sylvia Hamer, Brittany Hodgins, Delilah Hanna, Willa Brody, Anahaita Kotval, Angela Bailey, Ruthanne Becker, Jhalishia Slaughter, Winne Wilson, Brenda Tong, Allison McSpedon, Cindy Forschner, Jamila Espinal, Michael Dones, Grace Perry, Cassandra Rajacumar, Pamela Tarlow, Aimee Morbitato, Tiffany Brown, Nikita Singletary, Adean Saunders, James Coughlin, Jesse Johnson, Elissa Ramos, Marlene Zarfes, Louise Hamilton**

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| **Topic #1:** |  |
| **Announcements/Updates** | * Karl Bertrand & Craig Wong Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. * Colin Dacres, WestCop announced effective January 1st 2023 Grasslands shelter is now managed by WestCop. New staff and roles were introduced. * Craig Wong Co-chair announced CoC Shelter PIT count training is scheduled January 23rd & January 24th on zoom and encouraged attendees to make sure their appropriate workers rsvp as soon as possible. |
| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Good News Segment** | * Allison McSpedon, PD&D announced an individual experiencing homelessness for approximately 20 years was recently housed with Westhab DCMH RAP program. Special thanks & congratulations was given to Michael Dones, TGC Homeless Outreach Supervisor who worked closely with the individual to secure housing. * Karl Bertrand, PD&D congratulated and gave special thanks to Allison McSpedon, PD&D on reaching her 10-year anniversary working with PD&D & the CoC. |
| **Topic #3:** |  |
| **PIT Count 2023** | * Allison McSpedon PD&D reported the PIT count is scheduled January 25th & January 26th 2023. * PIT count planning is almost finalized. English & Spanish speaking enumerators have been identified, care packages are going to be made, LUW will provide donated food & Jenny Badree, PD&D and Annette Peters-Ruvolo, DCMH will be meeting with Westchester County and Law Enforcement officials to promote the PIT count initiative. |
| **Topic #4** |  |
| **Employment Resources** | * Jamila Espinal, SUNY WCC reviewed Job Stars workforce development & community education program and services. * Job Star offers adult basic education, GED classes, academic preparatory program, integrated applications program, food preparatory training program and much more. * At these time applications/referrals are being accepted, contact information provided in the chat. |
| **Topic #5** | **Discussion:** |
| **Westchester County HOME ARP update** | * Pamela Tarlow, Planning Dept. reviewed the Westchester County Urban County Consortium HOME-ARP plan. Open comment period ends February 7th 2023. CoC Board members were encouraged to provide comments/feedback. * Aimee Morabito, Planning Dept. announced the following:   + Westchester County Planning Dept. awarded ESG contracts to HDSW, CHI, First Steps to Heal & LUW to provide homelessness prevention & eviction prevention activities.   + HDSW was awarded an ESG contract to provide Public Housing Authorities with homelessness prevention & eviction prevention activities.   + Neighbors Link, United Community Center of Westchester Inc. & Community Resource Center were awarded ESG-CV contracts to provide street outreach, rapid rehousing & emergency shelter activities/services. |
| **Topic #6** | **Discussion:** |
| **Eviction Prevention Update** | * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reported Yonkers ERAP has dispensed 14 ½ million dollars in eviction prevention funds. 853 tenants/households were assisted & 360 landlord’s/property owner’s/property management companies were compensated. * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reported New York State ERAP applications will not be accepted after January 20, 2023. |
| **Topic #7** | **Discussion:** |
| **Rental Supplement Program** | * Dawn Gazick, CHI provided an RSP update. * Material with the data is available upon request. |
| **Topic #8** | **Discussion:** |
| **HCR EHV Update** | * Jesse Johnson, Westhab Inc. provided an EHV update. * Material with the data was provided to the board members via email. |

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 1/18/2023

Next Meeting: February 15th 2023

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