

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

July 15, 2020

Attendees: Annette Peters-Ruvolo (Co Chair) Karl Bertrand (Co Chair), Alba Guevara, Allison McSpedon, Anahaita Kotval, Brittany Hodgins, Chris Rivera, Craig Wong, Dahlia Austin, Daniel Gore, Doreen Lockwood, Elisa Ramos, JoMarie Tarchoun, Judy Mezey, Larry Mosely, Maria McGinty, Marlene Zarfes, Melinda Bellus, Nicole Granata, Patricia Mims, Jesse Johnson, Ruthanne Becker, Sylvia Bolivar, Tajae Gaynor, Triage Thomas, Yoav Spiegel, Joe Kenner, Lisa Lockley, Cynthia Knox, Jesse Johnson, Anthony Sabia, Jane Lindau, Barbara Bento-Fleming, Erica Skolnick

Topic #1:	Discussion:
Announcements/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Co-Chair, started the meeting at 9:35a.m. via Zoom. • June meeting minutes are tabled for next board meeting on August 19th. • Tajae Gaynor announced the Yonkers Public School website states AT&T will continue to offer wired internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10/month through the Access from AT&T program. Similar options as well as free services are being offered by other companies such as Sprint, T-Mobile, Comcast, Optimum/Altice.

Topic #2:	Discussion:
Rapid Rehousing Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Wong provided an updated on the Rapid Rehousing project. This project has not been at capacity. • Craig has noticed many individuals do not have income information along with a paystub uploaded into HMIS. • Shelters are being asked to upload income information monthly and to respond to requests for information. • Jesse Johnson informed the board since the start of working together to fix the issues within RRH they have placed 28 new households to RRH projects/ Seven households were housed in June. • There will be a meeting with the Office of Work Activities to further work together to fill gaps.

Topic #3:	Discussion:
Letter of Intent received from Greyston regarding Issan House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette announced Greyston has decided not to renew its Issan House project. This project will return to the CoC. Issan House has 31 tenants that will need to be placed. • Funding will be reallocated in this NOFA application season.

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Topic #4:	Discussion:
Reallocation RFI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoav Spiegel announced possible reallocation of RFI since Greyston is closing the Issan House project. The board would need to vote to release the funds. • NOFA has not been released. The Grant Inventory Worksheet has not been completed. Unclear as to when HUD will release it. • Motioned passed to put out an RFI for PSH that will include HIV+ individuals as one sub population. Other sub populations can be included and does not have to be families. Helen motioned for approval, Craig seconded. All in favor, zero opposed.

Topic #5:	Discussion:
Coordinated Entry COVID19 policy review update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After asking the Department of Health whether or not having multiple symptoms will increase risk of illness from COVID19, the answer was not clear. Karl will seek further clarification from the Department of Health.

Topic #6:	Discussion:
Moratorium Expired – Extend or let expire?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison McSpedon proposed to have the moratorium extended until the end of the state of emergency. • Motion passed to extend to extend moratorium on documentation and contact deadline until NY state of emergency is lifted. Nicole Granata motioned, seconded by Cynthia Knox. All in favor and zero opposed.

Topic #7	Discussion:
Virtual Meeting on Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette reviewed the results of the June 30th Meeting on Priorities. • We had a total of 9 topics and presenters with approximately 63 people in attendance. This was our highest attendance thus far. • More ways to increase consumer participation were suggested for next year.

Topic #8	Discussion:
ESG Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoav reviewed the draft of 2020 Priorities for ESG based on NAEH recommendations. • Prioritize households already homeless versus homelessness prevention because of the greater risk for infection and severe illness from COVID19.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Bertrand reported on the incentives for landlords to accept people from shelters. • Cynthia Knox suggested that we form a small workgroup for board members interested in working on the new proposal. This workgroup would come together to look at the data points and make suggested changes to send back to the board for review. • Allison will work with Karl to identify interested members & schedule.
Topic #9	Discussion:
Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new subcommittees are coming soon. • Before COVID19, Karl, Craig and Tiece were working on a Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG). This subcommittee will resume in the near future. • Allison and Tiece are also working on an Addressing Racial Disparity group and looking for interested members including people with lived experiences.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m
Respectfully submitted: Tiece Thomas
Next Meeting: August 19th 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m
Location: Zoom Webinar

Date: 7/15/20