**May 17th 2023**

**Attendees: Craig Wong (Co-chair), Karl Bertrand (Co-chair) Tamica Williams, Edward Roberts, Cynthia Knox, Debbie Anderson, Warren Kent, Vincent Madera, Tiffany Nozil, Jeanette Carrington, Natalie Ventura, Yoav Spiegel, La Tonia Rosado, JoMarie Casarella, Miguel Velasquez, Randolph Scott, Kathleen Sutherland, Helen Frankel, Nicole Granata, Kathy Pandekakes, Sylvia Hamer, Brittany Hodgins, Joseph Lobello, Jason Mays, Marcia Kobak, Willa Brody, Anahaita Kotval, Angela Bailey, Ruthanne Becker, Winnie Wilson, Jenny Badree, Allison McSpedon, Cindy Forschner, Angela Hyman, Aimee Morbitato, Tiffany Brown, Nikita Singletary, Colin Dacres, James Coughlin, Jesse Johnson, Richard Nightingale, Elissa Ramos, Marlene Zarfes, Louise Hamilton, Judith Mezey, Ingrid Cajina, Kathy Valencia**

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| **Topic #1:** |  |
| **Announcements/Updates** | * Craig Wong & Karl Bertrand Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
* Co-chairs called for motion to accept March minutes. Colin Dacres, WestCOP motioned to accept, Richard Nightingale, Westhab Inc. seconded. All in favor zero opposed.
* Craig Wong Co-chair announced the Coordinated Workflow Refresher (hybrid) Training is scheduled May 17th 2023 at 1pm.
* Craig Wong, Co-chair announced the CoC Annual Meeting on Priorities is scheduled June 21st 2023. The meeting will occur on the same day as the CoC Board meeting. Meeting details to be announced.
* Jason Mays, HVJC announced Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a landmark Access to Counsel bill, offering legal representation to households facing eviction and other covered proceedings. The bill was approved by unanimous vote.
* Kathy Pandekakes, HDSW reported HDSW HOPE House Peer Care Management Training Program is accepting applicants. Contact information provided in the chat.
* Ruthanne Becker, MHA announced Peer Training program starts in September and is accepting applicants. Contact information provided in the chat.
* Ruthanne Becker, MHA announced the passing of Charlotte Östman, the beloved Chief Executive Officer. CoC Partners provided condolences.
* Craig Wong, Co-chair reported the CoC is currently looking to fill the Landlord Relations and Self-Sufficiency Co-chairs positions. Interested parties should contact CoC board meeting Co-chairs.
* Richard Nightingale, Westhab Inc. announced Westhab plans to operate a program within the NYC funded & operated initiative to shelter and service asylum seekers that recently arrived in Westchester County. More details regarding Westhab’s role will be provided in the future.
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| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Good News Segment**  | * Jenny Badree, PD&D introduced Paul Koziel who is the new WCoC Peer Intern. He will be assisting the CoC with the Lived Experience Advisory Group, the PIT Count and other CoC tasks.
* Karl Bertrand, Co-chair announced and introduced Sylvia Hamer who is the new Executive Director at Hope Community Services.
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| **Topic #3:**  |  |
| **People with Lived Experience Committee update**  | * Angela Bailey PWLE, shared that the next committee meeting is today May 17th 2023. The group consist of a group of peers willing and ready to lift up consumer voices in our CoC.
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| **Topic #4** |  |
| **Strategic Advisory Committee update**  | * Richard Nightingale, Westhab Inc. reported that the advisory committee is overall interested in concentrating on policy and systems changes. The group is currently focusing on finding out various funding sources that can aid in providing landlords with monetary incentives and reimbursements. Monetary incentives and reimbursements would be used to engage new landlords in providing CoC housing providers with quality affordable units.
* Anahaita Kotval LUW announced the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 30th at 9:30am. If CoC executive partners will like to attend meeting, please contact Anahaita Kotval. All attendees were encouraged to bring program information/data that supports the current topic.
* Yoav Spiegel, DCMH encouraged the Strategic Advisory Committee to utilize the Housing Inventory Charts that was recently updated in April and uploaded to the CoC website.
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| **Topic #5** | **Discussion:** |
| **Eviction Update**  | * Marcie Kobak, LSHV reviewed the Westchester Eviction Stats: April 2023 (through 4/30/2023)
* Material with data was provided to attendees.
* Marcie Kobak, LSHV reported that HVLS has funding to hire attorneys for specifically eviction prevention proceedings.
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| **Topic #6** | **Discussion:** |
| **Immigration Update**  | * Miguel Velasquez, DSS reported that NYC recently transported families with minors seeking Asylum to the Ramada Inn hotel in Yonkers NY. NYC is completely funding the shelter/food expenses and the families seeking asylum are currently not eligible for Westchester County TANF/SNAP assistance.
* Miguel Velasquez, DSS reported that DSS staff will be retrained by OTDA on how Non-Citizens Recognized as Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) can be eligible for Safety Net Assistance (SNA).
* CoC attendees provided feedback and expressed interest in receiving a training on the topic as well. Craig Wong, Co-chair agreed to meet with the CoC Education Committee to work on developing a future training.
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| **Topic #7** | **Discussion:** |
| **Attachments**  | * The following attachments were provided via email:

\* EHV report (update as of 2023-05-12) \* CHI Report (update as of 2023-05-12)\* News Articles  |

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 5/17/2023

Next Meeting: June 21st 2023

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