**November 16th 2022**

**Attendees: Karl Bertrand (Co-chair), Craig Wong (Co-chair), Maria McGinty, Cheryl Accardi Warren Kent, Sylvia Bolivar, Monica Hughes, Louis Pepe, Judy Mezey, Alba Guevara, Tajae Gaynor, Freda Macon, Khristina Yamin, Debbie Anderson, Natalie Ventura, Trevor Payne, Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Yoav Spiegel, La Tonia Rosado, JoMarie Casarella, Mohammed Arribidesi, Randle Scott, Craig Wong, John Sutton, Helen Frankel, Walt Ritz, Taylor Cacase, Delilah Hanna, Karlyn Valencia, Anahaita Kotval, Angela Bailey, Karlyn Jackson, Winnie Wilson, Brenda Tong, Allison McSpedon, Jenny Badree, Cindy Forschner, Cordetta Creighton, Grace Perry, Cassandra Rajacumar, Tiffany Brown, James Coughlin, Jesse Johnson, Elissa Ramos, Marlene Zarfes, Louise Hamilton, Marlene Zarfes.**

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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 motion to accept October minutes with a spell correction noted by Karl Bertrand. Walt Ritz, Hope Community Services motioned to accept, Tajae Gaynor, CLUSTER seconded. All in favor zero opposed. * Co-chairs announced the CoC Annual Meeting is scheduled 12/8/2022. * Co-chairs announced the CoC Coordinated Entry Stakeholders Meeting is scheduled 12/13/2022. * Ruthanne Becker, MHA announced 17 Individuals will be graduating with Peer Certifications in December. MHA is currently looking for agency’s to provide internships. Contact information provided. * Walt Ritz, Hope Community Services, announced in December Hope C-S Fun Fridays will begin providing mental health services to children. Also Hope Community Services annual benefit will be held on December 15th 2022 at Iona College. * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair announced CARES Network of N.Y is open to new ideas on how to service the homeless. CoC’s of NYS can submit ideas/comments. |
| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Good News Segment** | * Tajae Gaynor, CLUSTER announced effective January 1st 2023 he will be appointed as Deputy Executive Director of CLUSTER. * Sylvia Bolivar, City of Mount Vernon announced HOME ARP was approved by HUD and the RFP will be released soon. * Craig Wong, Co-Chair & Randle Scott, DSS announced Westchester County was recognized in a publicized article. The article discussed how Westchester County is on a mission to prevent the county’s most vulnerable individuals & families from experiencing homelessness. |
| **Topic #3:** |  |
| **PIT Count Planning** | * Jenny Badree, PD&D reported the PIT count is scheduled January 25th & January 26th 2023. * PIT count planning has started and recruitment for workers to participate in outreach will start soon. |
| **Topic #4** |  |
| **New/Planned HMIS Changes** | * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH reported to better track HMIS referral outcomes a new status has been added: "Accepted - But Then Exited to Non-PH". The purpose of this new status is to identify those rare situations when a housing provider initially accepts a client into their program, but then the client leaves the program for alternative, non-permanent housing, like an emergency shelter. As a result, the client will remain on the prioritization list and be considered for future referral opportunities. * Yoav Spiegel, DCMH announced in the future HMIS will allow users to input rejection letters within the system. This will eliminate the need for housing providers to upload rejections letters as a document. |
| **Topic #6** | **Discussion:** |
| **Eviction Post 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:** |
| **Homeless Systems Plans Outcome Data** | * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reviewed the Comparison of the Most Significant Year-To-Year Changes in WCDSS Homeless Services Plan Outcomes Report that was submitted to NYS OTDA. * Material with the data was provided to the Board members via email. |
| **Topic #9** | **Discussion:** |
| **Undocumented immigrants & Asylum seekers arriving in Westchester County Update** | * Craig Wong, Co-chair reported DSS is continuing to partnering with a consortium of agencies to provide assistance and create a plan for future efforts to aid in the increase of migrants/asylum seekers arriving in New York. |
| **Topic #10** | **Discussion:** |
| **Rental Supplement Program** | * Debbie Anderson, CHI provided an RSP update and reminded shelter and housing providers to respond to all emails correspondence. |
| **Topic #11** | **Discussion:** |
| **HCR EHV Update** | * Jesse Johnson, Westhab Inc. provided an EHV update. * Material with the data was provided to the board members via email. * Craig Wong, Co-chair reminded board members to continue to respond to all EHV time sensitive emails. |

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 11/16/2022

Next Meeting: November 16th 2022

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