**October 19, 2022**

**Attendees: Karl Bertrand (Co-chair), Craig Wong (Co-chair), Maria McGinty, Cynthia Knox, Warren Kent, Vincent Madera, Sylvia Bolivar, Monica Hughes, Louis Pepe, Judy Mezey, Alba Guevara, Tajae Gaynor, Debbie Anderson, Natalie Ventura, Trevor Payne, Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Yoav Spiegel, Elissa Guzzardi, Adel Tizol, La Tonia Rosado, Ingrid Cajina, Randy Scott, Miguel Velasquez, Craig Wong, John Sutton, Helen Frankel, Walt Ritz, Brittany Hodgins, Delilah Hanna, Kathryn Valencia, Anahaita Kotval, Angela Bailey, Jhalishia Slaughter, Brenda Tong, Allison McSpedon, Cordetta Creighton, Angela Hyman, Anthony Sabia, Cassandra Rajacumar, Karen Norwood, Tiffany Brown, Jesse Johnson, Elissa Ramos, Marlene Zarfes, Louise Hamilton, Domonique McNair**

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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 August & September minutes with the revision noting that Karen Norwood, VOA attended the August board meeting. Annette Peters-Ruvolo, DCMH motioned to accept, Maria McGinty, BOCES seconded. All in favor zero opposed. * Kathryn Valencia, Lexington Center for Recovery announced Lexington Recovery Center opened up a new medication center in Sullivan County attached to their Poughkeepsie outpatient treatment program. * Vincent Madera, Children Village announced Children Village has hired staff to provide in home therapy to at risk young adults. * Karl Bertrand announced home care aids in New York received a $2.00 per-hour minimum wage increase. * Debbie Anderson, CHI announced CHI in collaboration with NYC-DHS has opened a 200 bed sanctuary shelter in Manhattan NY. * Anahaita Kotval, LUW announced the CoC is creating a strategic advisory committee consisting of CEO’s & ED’s. More information will be provided at November’s board meeting. |
| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Rental Supplement Program** | * Debbie Anderson, reported CHI is the selected candidate for Westchester County Rental Supplement Program which provides rental supplements to individual & families who are experiencing homelessness or are facing imminent loss of housing regardless of immigration status. * Eligibility for CHI’s RSP will be limited to those individuals making no more than 30% MFI for the first 3 months of the program and will expand to those individuals making no more than 50% MFI. * All Eligible customers will be referred through Coordinated Entry. If you have a customer you believe should be referred please make sure their Coordinated Entry assessment is accurate and updated in HMIS. |
| **Topic #3:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Domestic Violence Conference Update** | * Allison McSpedon, PD&D reported Domestic Violence organizations informed HUD, NYC & NYS representatives it is difficult for smaller DV service & shelter providers to access funding through recent RFPs, mainly due to match requirements. * Domestic Violence organizations encouraged attendees to give consideration to the impact of financial abuse on client's ability to qualify for short term subsidies such as Rapid Rehousing and suggested to offer other types of flexible housing opportunities. * HUD and NYS representatives reported EHV successes which prioritized DV survivors. * Reports show that the average apartment search for individuals/families with EHV vouchers is 300 days. Westchester County leads in the number of units where singles/families have moved in. |
| **Topic #4:** | **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. |
| **Topic #5:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Eviction Post Moratorium** | * Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reviewed the current volume of Westchester County eviction cases post moratorium sourced from LSHV court database. * Karl Bertrand reported residents of Yonkers are now eligible to apply for the New York State ERAP. * Material with the data was provided to the Board members via email. |
| **Topic #6:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Undocumented immigrants & Asylum seekers arriving in Westchester County Update** | * Miguel Velasquez, DSS reported DSS is 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. |

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 10/19/2022

Next Meeting: November 16th 2022

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