**September 21, 2022**

**Attendees: Karl Bertrand (Co-chair), Craig Wong (Co-chair), Maria McGinty, Cheryl Accardi, Warren Kent, Vincent Madera, Monica Hughes, Louis Pepe, Tajae Gaynor, Natalie Ventura, Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Yoav Spiegel, Leslie Liberatore, Adel Tizol, La Tonia Rosado, JoMarie Casarella, Ingrid Cajina, Randy Scott, Miguel Velasquez, Craig Wong, John Sutton, Lisa Marville, Nicole Granata, Walt Ritz, Brittany Hodgins, Marcie Kobak, Delilah Hannah, Kathryn Valencia, Anahaita Kotval, Angela Bailey, Karyln Jackson, Winnie Wilson, Allison McSpedon, Jenny Badree, Cordetta Creighton, Angela Hyman, Grace Perry, Marie Pepkolaj, Anthony Sabia, Cassandra Rajacumar, Karen Norwood, Chima Monday, Tiffany Brown, Jesse Johnson, 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.
* Craig Wong, co-chair announced the CoC Westchester County DCMH Services Review training is scheduled on September 22nd 2022 at 10:00am.
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| **Topic #2:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Good News Segment**  | * Jenny Badree PD&D encouraged CoC board members to please email her at Jbadree@programdesign.com with any "good news" happening at their organizations. This can be, but is not limited to: What's working at their organizations, a new employer/employee who has been promoted, a positive outcome with a particular client, or new things/methods.
* Grace Perry, TBF reported Marie Pepkolaj is an intern who will be assisting TBF on various projects.
* Lisa Marville, FSSY reminded board members of the upcoming FSSY Hoarding Disorder: A Collaborative Approach webinar scheduled on October 7th 2022 at 9:00am. Registration is required.
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| **Topic #3:** | **Discussion:** |
| **CoC Project Policy Vote**  | * Craig Wong & Karl Bertrand Co-chairs reviewed the Section 8 regulations at 24 CFR 982.306 (d) and proposed that the CoC Board adopts the written standard for all CoC projects.
* Co-chairs called for motion to accept the proposed Section 8 24 CFR 982.306 (d) written standard. Elissa Ramos, Westhab Inc. motioned to accept, Anahaita Kotval LUW seconded. All in favor zero opposed.
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| **Topic #4:** | **Discussion:** |
| **NYS Rental Supplement Program update & discussion**  | * Craig Wong, Co-chair reported Community Housing Innovations (CHI) is the selected NYS Rental Supplement Program (RSP) contractor.
* Karl Bertrand, Co-chair reported Westchester’s RSP will target 6 populations singles & families currently in Westchester County shelter system \*singles & families actively fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking \*singles & families timing out of a time-limited RRH program (with other stipulations)\* singles & families timing out of Westchester’s locally-funded time-limited Keys to Home subsidy( with other stipulations ) \*customers applying for WCDSS Emergency Assistance for rent arrears but are unable to afford ongoing rents \* temporary assistance recipients previously receiving shelter supplements subsidies but who cannot afford to sustain their current housing without subsidies.
* Craig Wong, Co-chair reported Westchester Coordinated Entry Program Administrator will collect referrals to RSP from multiple sources, prioritize them and refer them to CHI once the contract is finalized and CHI is ready to start receiving referrals.
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| **Topic #5:** | **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.
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| **Topic #6:** | **Discussion:**  |
| **Eviction Post Moratorium** | * Marcie Kobak, HVLS 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 #7:** | **Discussion:** |
| **Undocumented immigrants & Asylum seekers arriving in Westchester County** | * Miguel Velasquez, DSS reported the following:
* An increase in undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers have arrived in Westchester County in the recent months. Most of these individuals claim to have been bused from Texas to New York City.
* 100 singles/families are currently using Westchester County Drop In & family shelters. The numbers may increase within the next couple of weeks.
* DSS & Shelter staff are engaging families to determine what type of assistance they need as well as eligibility.
* Miguel Velasquez will be coordinating a planning response and partnering with various agencies including Catholic Charities & Neighbors Link to provide additional services.
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Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted: La Tonia Rosado                        Date: 9/26/2022

Next Meeting: October 19th 2022

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