Long Island (Nassau/Suffolk) Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

January 20th, 2017

Amityville Community Center

**Present:** M. Saperstein, Federation; V. McGinn, Suburban; H. Prior, SCUV/MHAW; D. O’Hearon, Mercy Haven; E. Mahoney, SPA; J. Adelberg, SCOMHS; J. Deleonardis, SCUV; L .Andreoli, Catholic Charities; K. Trama, HELP Equity Homes; L. Szadok, Federation; W. Scallon, LICH; K. Raniere, CHI; E. Jackson, Maureen’s Haven; J. Henderson, SUS; G. Guarton, LICH; V. Chamberlain, LICH; F. Schanback, MHANC; B. Inserro, FREE; A. D’Amico, MHANC; B. Ellis, SAIL; N. Hyman, FCA; R. McCue, Retreat; K. Vatalaro, Brighter Tomorrows; C. Hammonds, WHPDC; C. Greenfield, LICH; J. Lamberth, RCH; S. Brewster, CDLH; T. Gregoretti, TSCLI; E. Nieves, NSLS; A. Huston, LIADV; D. Cervello, SUS; K. Cascio, LICH; S. Brazeau, HHM; B. Lubarda, Beacon House; B. Gabellini, SUS; F. Pierre, HELP USA; J. Pollina, TSLI/HHB; M. Mera, Brighter Tomorrows; D. Stern, Concern; D. Trumpy, Momma’s House; L. Russell, SAIL; C. Velia, Concern; A. Covino, Options; J. Dean, The INN; D. James, Bethany House; K. Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk; S. Quesada, Nana’s House; T. Lovett, Project Redirect; A. Karppi, Town of Islip CDA; R. Kuri, Town of Islip CDA; A. Rodgers, HALI; H. Kang, Catholic Charities; A. Rubinstein, Northport VA; L. Tloczkowski, LICH; D. Zaphine, Catholic Charities; E. Rock, EOC-Suffolk; R. Bannerman-Martin, LICH.

**CoC Funding Round:**   
The CoC was awarded $10.6 million in funding, which was an increase in overall funding from FY2015. Two new RRH projects were funded, as well as CoC planning dollars. The last four projects in Tier 2 were not funded for renewal. The use of reallocation helped to secure more funding by strengthening the region’s application score. The FY2017 NOFA publish date has not been announced.

**CoC Governance Board and Ranking Committee:**   
There is a new governing structure within the CoC as of January 1st, 2017. The Governance Board includes many members from 2016 Executive Committee, with the additional members from different community stakeholder organizations.

The Ranking Committee needs to be formed for 2017. Nominations will be sent out shortly and accepted through COB on 2/13/17. Persons employed/representing agencies that receive funding through the CoC are ineligible to participate on the Ranking Committee. Nominations and bios will be distributed to the CoC for a vote on Ranking Committee membership at the 2/17/17 COC meeting.

The function of the Governance Board will no longer focus on determining ranking criterion/weight of criterion; the GB will make recommendations to the Ranking Committee based on HUD priorities, regional performance, and regional needs/gaps, and the Ranking Committee will finalize ranking/points based on this information. The Ranking committee will meet throughout the year.

**Non-CoC Funding Priorities:**   
Funding priority categories were clarified. If multiple programs are competing for non-CoC funds, and asking the CoC to provide letters of support, the programs that will receive the letters of support will be those that best meet the region’s needs based on gap analyses.

**HMIS Updates:**   
As of February 1st, there will be an addition of a data element to indicate specific disabling condition/special needs. This will be indicated through a yes/no drop down menu, then user will input specific disabling condition, if it is documented, if they are receiving services, and if it is expected to be ongoing. This information will auto-calculate for CH status of a household, which will help with the by-name list of CH households for prioritized referrals.

There is now a report built through which providers can identify all CH households in their programs.

HMIS agreements are due 1/27/17. LICH is following up with HUD to see if HMIS funding can be used to purchase computers for HMIS use.   
  
December DQR – there were issues related to disabling conditions, report was delayed.

**2017 HIC & PIT:**Forms for the HIC/PIT reporting on 1/25 were reviewed and clarified.