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

**September 16th, 2016**

**Amityville Community Resource Center**

Present: J. Siegel, Pro Bono Partnership; F. Schanback, MHANC; N. Keller, Retreat; A. Rosario, Retreat; D. Zephrini, Catholic Charities; J. Deleonardis, UVBH; D. Sanderson, TSLI/HHB; J. Taylor, TSLI/HHB; L. Andreoli, Catholic Charities; V. Mcginn, Suburban; S. Brazeau, HHM; H. Mosby, FREE; J. Massimo, SCUV; C. Hammonds, WHPOC; L. Wolf, NSLS; K. Livingston, CHI; D. Bullard, GTV Shift Program; M. Stephens, RCH; R. Ellis, SAIL; N. Campo, PSEGLI; A. Covino, Options; E. Basham, Options; S. Brewster, Circulo; J. Lamberth, RCH; J. Harrington, HALI; C. Singer, Penates; S. Boyle, New Ground; W. Linsalata, LIADV; M. Hye, FSL; K. Cascio, LICH; L. Tloczkowski, LICH; B. Gabellini, SUS; J. Franco, TSCLI; D. Russell, NCDSS; A. Rosen, Federation; L. Fitzgerald, SCDSS; A. Rubinstein, VA; D. Stern, Concern; L. Russell, SAIL; F. Bustos, UWLI-MU; A. Soto, FCA; R. Seiler, CDCLI; K. Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk; R. Bannerman-Martin, LICH; D. Trumpy, Momma’s House; F. Pierre, HELP USA; L. Scumaci, Options; A. Rodgers, HALI; A Sotelo, CDLH; R. O’Donnell, EOC; K. Vatalaro, Brighter Tomorrows; J. Dean, The INN; C. Edmonston, NCDSS; L. Buscemi, NCDSS; D. James, Bethany House; N. Magee, Federation; S. Osmani, CNGCS; D. O’Hearon, Mercy Haven; W. Scallon, LICH; G. Guarton, LICH; G. Fasano, LICH.

Greta Guarton welcomed all members to the meeting and all those present introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes:
All members present reviewed the minutes. Beth Gabellini made a motion to accept the minutes, which Sarah Brewster seconded. All other members present agreed to accept the minutes as written.

Funding Round:
CoC Competition funding application was submitted in the beginning of September. HUD is expecting to make funding round decisions before the end of the year, earlier than usual, due to the election.

LICH staff attended NAEH Conference in July, which has shaped planning efforts for coordination and improvement of service delivery.

Prioritization Order:
Voted on September 9th, approved by CoC members. This order determines how the CoC will address the Chronic Homeless Initiative, re: street outreach and identification of CH people, and prioritization of all PSH beds to CH households.

Veteran Initiative:
Mike reported that he is working on a submission for a state-wide report with 6 other CoCs that have ended Veteran Homelessness in NYS. This report will then go to the Comptroller’s office and further along to other State and Federal agencies.

Youth Initiative:
Youth Homelessness demonstration grant—10 CoCs will be awarded the grant throughout the country. $1-10million could be coming into the region with the award of the grant.
Youth Committee is focused on ending youth homelessness, working on systems mapping, capacity building, and identifying all homeless youth. Grant application is due at the end of November.

HMIS Updates:
Wayne reported that data standard changes go into effect October 1st, and will reflect provider feedback Foothold has received. HUD has not issued guidance with an expectation for updates to client files once new data standards are in place—as of now Wayne does not expect significant re-entering of data. There is a video explaining all changes from Kelly Pickell at Foothold, it is also in the AWARDS online help. Wayne strongly recommended watching the video and included where to find it on the agenda.

Restructuring CoC Governance Board:
Greta announced that beginning in 2017, the Executive Committee (Governance Board) will be limited in size and will shift some of its responsibilities. These proposed changes will mean that there will be representatives from each subpopulation, not necessarily open participation in CoC governance as there had been in the past. Greta stated that there will be many conversations regarding this transition, with multiple opportunities for provider feedback. Mike and Greta will be reaching out to agencies to have more in-depth conversations regarding best use of staff time and the ideal representatives for the Governance Board and each CoC committee.

Announcements:
The VA is hosting a Veterans Stand Down on September 30th.

The Retreat is holding an event with the Suffolk County Fatherhood Initiative, Friday September 23rd.

Pro-bono Partnership, which represent non-profits, will be opening a new office at the Tuoro Law Advocacy Center.

Circulo de la Hispanidad would be holding a Walk for Peace on Saturday, October 15th, 9:30AM at Laurelton St., a few blocks past Broadway and Park Avenue

Pax Christi is holding a new support group for families who are affected by those who are homeless, focusing on the struggles experienced by families of loved ones who are homeless.

FREE is holding a Youth Symposium on September 30th at the Hilton in Farmingdale.

LICH is hosting a Veterans job and information fair on September 27th, 10AM-4PM.

The Keys for the Homeless Conference will be held on October 28th at Tuoro Law Center. The theme is “In the Trenches of Homelessness: Many Faces, Hopeful Solutions.” The conference will be partnering with Stony Brook University to offer CEU’s. The keynote speaker will be Regina Calcaterra, author of the NYT bestseller “Etched in Sand.”