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

**July 15, 2016**

**Amityville Community Resource Center**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of June 17, 2016 CoC Meeting Minutes
3. Agency Presentations

- FREE- Regina Savarese and David Barhome

1. CoC Funding Round

- 2016 Funding Round

- Ranking Committee Nominations

1. HMIS Updates

- System Performance Measures

- DQR/ Upcoming Trainings

- Coordinated Entry- Program Info Requests

1. Highlighted CoC Subcommittee

- P1 Veteran Subcommittee Updates/ USICH

1. Keys for the Homeless Conference
2. Supply Our Students Drive
3. Amityville Community Resource Center
4. Announcements

“Thank you.” – LICH staff

\*Next CoC meeting will be on September 16th at 9:30am at the ACRC in the upstairs conference room (203).

**Important CoC Dates and Deadlines:**

July 29– Applications due for submission to LICH in esnaps. If esnaps is not open by July 21, paper applications should be submitted to LICH, if esnaps is open by July 21, applications must be submitted in esnaps. Paper applications sent to LICH, 600 Albany Avenue, Suite 2, Amityville, NY 11701. If submitted in esnaps, all HUD required attachments must be included.

Week of August 1 – Ranking Committee meets, recommendations are published

August 8 –vote on recommendations due

Week of August 8- Corrections sent to applicants

August 12- If original application was not in esnaps, applications must be submitted to LICH via esnaps.

Week of August 15- LICH returns final corrections to applications.

August 26- Final submission by agencies in esnaps.

**CoC Subcommittees/Initiatives:**

Priority One Veterans Committee- August 8th at SUS

The P1 Veterans Working Group is moving towards a coordinated entry pilot program for veteran providers. The group is focused on continuing to house homeless veterans quickly (less than 90 days), through rapid rehousing, prevention and utilizing housing first, care coordination and bridge housing approaches. There is a focus on strengthening the effectiveness of using a veteran master list, as well as employment and housing sustainability.

The Priority One Committee has an announcement that will be made at the current meeting. There will be a press conference held at 2:00pm today, at the Amityville Center to announce this news to the public.

Special Thanks to Our Active Priority One Committee Partners:

SUS, EOC, VA, UVBH, Concern, MHAW

-Faith- Based Collaborative Meeting- July 18th at 1:30pm, OLA Church in Copiague

The Faith-Based Collaborative is working towards a Monday- Friday, rotating church shelter schedule for the upcoming winter in the Wyandanch, Copiague, Amityville, Lindenhurst, Babylon area. Additionally, the group is working towards coordinated case management, basic medical care, transportation and mobile food distributions, mobile showers, mobile laundry, and the expansion of faith-based organizations to assist with efforts.

Youth Engagement Task Force- July 21st at 3:00pm at ACRC

The group is in the planning process of conducting a separate PIT sweep for homeless youth. This effort will involve coordination with schools, youth bureaus, homeless youth providers, youth criminal justice programs, organizational and street outreach efforts. The PIT will be scheduled for a date in November, to be determined. The PIT sweep has been named “STAY- Standing Together as Youth,” in which outreach and engagement efforts for street homeless youth will be comprised of groups of youth, led and accompanied by experienced youth outreach staff that are part of the committee. Short term objectives are to continue to gather accurate data on homeless youth, share community resources, collaborate with stakeholders and strengthen partnerships with schools.

Homeless Solutions Think Tank Action Groups- at 10:00am at ACRC

Action Group 1 is focused on resource building and is working on creating a database of gathered homeless resources that is readily available and will increase the ability for stakeholders to coordinate care.

Action Group 2 is focused on awareness and education. The group is working on planning community events, an awareness building campaign and preparing educational workshops and materials for community members.

Action Group 3 is focused on improving the CoC, through teambuilding efforts that would create better working relationships, coordination and the ability for better leverage funds by partnering with additional stakeholders. A key component of teambuilding efforts will be responding to feedback received by CoC partners.

Additionally, LICH staff have been communicating and visiting with leaders and founders of tiny home homeless housing programs that use housing first models. A working group is being formed to work towards proposing and creating/ implementing tiny home projects for homeless persons on LI. LICH has invited program representatives from tiny home projects throughout NY state to take part in a Keys for the Homeless Conference town hall discussion on the tiny home movement, as well as Housing First and low barriers approaches.

Street Outreach Committee Chronic Homeless PIT Sweep- August 10th 6:00am- 12:00am

Next Street Outreach Committee Meeting- September 14th at 3:00pm at ACRC

The Street Outreach Committee has increased coordinated street outreach efforts to at least twice a week, in addition to responding to calls reported on the homeless hotline and web-based referrals from the LICH website. The SOC has several targeted communities, where more frequent outreach efforts are coordinated, based on the number of street homeless and also recognizing areas where there are individuals that are more at-risk and/or have very limited resources.

The SOC offers street outreach trainings to homeless services staff and community members and is offering trainings in Spanish as well. Updated street outreach resource cards (English and Spanish) will be used, removing information for winter programs and updating other resource information as needed, including a new youth emergency shelter in Suffolk County. The SOC has recently held three street outreach beginner trainings and will be offering a more advanced level training in the near future. The SOC also held a recent NARCAN training for outreach volunteers.

As part of the National Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness, the SOC has scheduled outreach to canvas every area of Long Island over a three month period. Additionally, the SOC will coordinate a Chronic Homeless PIT Sweep on August 10th, as a community-wide effort to identify any street homeless that are currently unidentified in the community or recently street homeless.

Supply Our Students Drive- Sort and Pack Day- August 13th

Back Pack Pirates Summer Camp- August 23rd

Keys for the Homeless Conference- October 28th

CoC Vacancies as of 7/14/16

Concern- One OMH Consolidated (Opp 2) Male vacancy.

Call Lucille is our contact at (631) 758-0474.

Options for Community Living HOPWA Housing

1 male (share) Homeless- Nassau

1 male (share) Inappropriately Housed- Suffolk

Options Mental Health Housing Vacancies:

Community Residence Program:  Two Female

Apartment Treatment Program:  Two Male & 1 Female

Supported Housing Program:  Five Female & Three Male

\*All applications go through SPA.  All questions about Options’ Mental Health Housing program should go to Kristine Pfaffe, Intake Supervisor – (631) 361-9020 ext. 1165

Catholic Charities:

HOPWA housing program. All referrals can be made to 516-398-2155.

Brighter Tomorrows has 2 vacancies in our female singles DV transitional housing program and 1 vacancy in our female recovery home program.

The Retreat's domestic violence shelter have 3 beds available. Our hotline number is 631-329-2200.