



Finger Lakes Housing Consortium

MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2023, at 9:30am via Zoom

Attended By: Jennifer Carlson, Jessica Chase, Erin Corcoran, Erica Collins, Paul Walters, Ken French, Ravone B, Lisa Graf, Donna Poccia, Sarah Sosnowski, David Prete, Jody Bendzlowicz, Cassandra Heyl, Sarah Simson, Kristen Koczent, Donna Johnson, James Breslin, Olivia Christman, David Goben, Ryan DeVay, Amy Pauley, Natalia Lopuchowycz, Samantha Warren, Wanda Felix, Caroline Fay, Lindsay Robbins, Kristine Joslyn, Kelly Flores, Elaine Lewis, Marla Hurst, Maria Bizardi,

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. December Minutes– Motion to approve by David Goben, seconded by Sarah Simson. All in favor, No opposed
 - b. Welcome new members!
2. 2022 HMIS Annual Report and Coordinated Entry
 - c. Review of 2022 HMIS Annual Report
 - a. Numbers are duplicated. HMIS tracks individuals’ movement through the homeless system.
Ex – If someone is in DSS being housed as homeless, then transfers to Family Promise, they are exited from DSS and entered into Family Promise.
 - d. Review of Coordinated Entry data to date. Reports are generated bi-monthly for review. For more information, please reach out to Jessica Chase at jessica.chase@flacra.org
3. 2023 Point-In-Time Count
 - a. One homeless individual identified in Ontario County
 - b. Summer Count will be conducted July 26, 2023. Volunteers needed!
4. County Housing Consortium Updates
 - a. Ontario County – Meeting was held January 20. –
 - Ontario County DSS - Rental supplement program for those that qualify.
 - Housing Assessment and Inventory for Ontario County being conducted by Urban Partners. If you are a resident of Ontario County, please take the survey!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRWRL3_V5Z8GLj1e1QlgwpUC95qNqVuSpqkgfspkX5dPxwyQ/viewform
 - As a housing service provider please reach out to Chris Lankenau or Isaac Kwon at Urban Partners. clankenau@urbanpartners.us or ikwon@urbanpartners.us
 - Goal is to have final assessment and presentation to the community by July.
 - Town of Canandaigua – Working with Edgemere to build a multi-family development on Parkside Drive in Canandaigua. Plan is for 48 units. 8 units will be reserved for Family Promise.
 - Next meeting March 24th @ 10:00am via Zoom

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- b. Wayne County – Meeting was held November 14 @ 1:00pm via Zoom
 - Newark Housing Authority – Funding for landlords that are interested in rehabbing their properties and renting to individuals with Section 8.
 - OASAS (Older Adults Safe and Sound) provides repairs/modifications to homeowners to reduce the risk of falls. They serve Wayne, Ontario and Seneca with this program.
 - Apartments for Success and Success Center – Currently Full
 - Soldier On – Funding available to assist Veterans who are at risk of homelessness.
 - Wayne County Planning Comprehensive Housing Study has been completed. Release expected soon.
 - Next meeting February 27 @ 1:00pm
 - c. Yates County – David Prete, Executive Director for Keuka Housing Council, will be working to get the Yates County Housing Consortium meeting scheduled regularly.
 - d. Seneca County – Meeting held January 17 @ 1:00pm – Housing Study being conducted.
5. Strategic Planning for Consortium
- a. Jen discussed working to develop a strategic plan for the Consortium. Discussed possibly having a separate work group to work towards this.
 - b. Jen also discussed HUD requirements, including lived Experience/DEI/Board Representation – and homeless advisory committee. CoC is currently meeting these requirements; however, strategic planning is needed in order to ensure that we continue to grow.
6. Housing Grant Updates
- a. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
 - Portal closed on January 20, 2023. OTDA continues to review applications submitted through November 30, 2022. If more funding becomes available, applications submitted after November 30 will be reviewed.
 - b. Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP)
 - Portal closed on November 21, 2022. The only applications that are being processed are those for property owners that own buildings with 20 units or more.
 - c. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CV – No-Cost Extension
 - No-cost extension has been filed. FLACRA has nearly exhausted funding in all four counties Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates. Ontario County agencies with funding still available include Family Promise, Catholic Charities, and LawNY. Seneca County agencies with funding still available includes LawNY, Yates County agencies with funding still available include, Keuka Housing Council, and LawNY. Wayne County – LawNY

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- d. HHAP Funding – Open-Ended RFP - More information can be found at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/housing/hhap.asp>
 - e. ESSHI – Round 7 announcements published - <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2022/esshi/esshi-7-awardees.pdf>
7. FLHC Ad-Hoc Committee Report Out
- a. Discussion about dissolving this Ad-Hoc for now – Development of new Ad-Hoc can always be created with new initiatives.
8. Provider Updates
- a. Keuka Housing Council – New homeowner counseling program available, as well as foreclosure prevention counseling, home repair grant, mobile home replacement grant, emergency housing and permanent housing opportunities. For more information on programs available please reach out to David Prete at davidprete@keulahousingcouncil.org
 - b. Soldier On – Eligibility Update – Soldier On now able to serve homeless or at risk of homeless Veterans up to 80% AMI in their county. For more information, please reach out to ochristman@wesoldieron.org
 - c. Finger Lakes Community Action – OASAS – Older Adults Safe and Sound – Safety modifications for homes. Wayne, Ontario, and Cayuga – For more information please reach out to wanda.felix@waynecap.org
 - d. Finger Lakes Community Action – Awarded \$200,000 for an emergency based home safety repair grant – Program offers residential emergency services to offer home repair to the elderly – RESTORE – Structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, health and safety. Must be 60+, income eligible, and live in Wayne, Ontario, or Cayuga County. For more information call 315-331-4155 Ext 3121
 - e. Department of Veterans Affairs – HUD VASH has vouchers available for homeless Veterans.
 - f. Pathstone – Home Rehab and Energy Services – Please reach out to 585-546-3700 Ext 3026
 - g. Eagle Star - Home Leasing and Eagle Star Housing’s project renovating the Huntington Building in Seneca Falls has broken ground with an anticipated opening of Fall, 2024. This will result in 27 ESSHI units for Veterans and 28 affordable housing units.
9. Health Equity Waiver
- a. Currently awaiting final version of health equity waiver. Discussion about planning and model being presented. For more information or questions please reach out to Jennifer Carlson at Jennifer.carlson@flacra.org

Next Meeting: April 21st, at 9:30 am via ZOOM