

HSN MEETING 1.20.21
8:30AM – 10AM

Co-chairs: Mike Rood (Nazareth) & Tree Clemonds (Providence Housing)

County Updates (Becky Miglioratti - MC DHS):

- Code Blue going well. Place of Hope has been filling up but Open Door Mission continues to have space. Shelter Task Force continues to meet to update the county's critical response. Shelter staff were prioritized for the vaccine. Starting last week there were also some slots for shelter residents. Outreach staff were included in the Shelter round of vaccinations.
- Question about whether or not someone needs to call before accessing a warming center like Place of Hope and Open Door Mission. Answer: you don't have to call but Place of Hope has been filling up so you may end up being referred to another location.
 - Open Door Mission #423-1825
 - Place of Hope #436-5452

Partners Ending Homelessness (Connie Sanderson - PEH):

- Hearing from DOH that people will be able to get their 2nd dose.
- Increased activity in the coming weeks about getting our clients vaccinated.
- Thank you to all who attended our annual meeting.
- If you haven't yet, please submit the survey by the end of the day today.
- Training initiative will be started this year that will focus on continuum of care funded programs and be online modules people can complete at their own pace.

Housing Court (Mark Muoio - Legal Aid):

- In August/September a new court process was created that specialized on issues of COVID and county-wide were consolidated to the City Court (SKIP). Each person was assigned an attorney. This universal access was funding by the CARES act. Also on site was access to benefits and services people may be eligible to obtain.
- Dec 28th a 60-day moratorium was placed on evictions. (See attached details) If you hear of someone being evicted please contact Mark MMuoio@lasroc.org cell # 585-314-6160

Coordinated Entry (Ryan McIntosh - CCSI):

- We are taking steps locally to replace the VI-SPDAT as there has been general dissatisfaction with that tool. Looking for something that better meets the needs of our community. A focus group will be conducted on Feb 10th about the issues of the VI-SPDAT and what other tools should we look to. If you are interested in participating, contact Ryan: rmcintosh@ccsi.org
- Posted for a new position - Landlord Liaison. This position will also maintain the Frontdoor website for connecting with available units.
- Landlord engagement work group meets regularly.
- Coordinated Entry Training: February 24th at 2pm. Looking to do these quarterly. Also create modules on the website to be accessed any time needed.

Prevention (Alex Turner - Catholic Family Center):

- We were able to successfully distribute all of the funds and learned that the need was much greater than the funds/eligibility requirements allowed.
- Advocating for additional funds that are more flexible with different eligibility requirements.
- Starting a new program moving forward.

Point in Time Count (Charles Bollinger - Partners Ending Homelessness):

- PIT is occurring tomorrow.
- We are set with what we need but are very interested if you know of new/unknown locations, please let Charles know by 3pm tomorrow. cbollinger@letsendhomelessness.org

Training Update (Craig Johnson - Huther Doyle):

- Training that starts in 3 weeks is completely full.

Domestic Violence Presentation (Alicia Gayden - YWCA):

City of Rochester Update (Erica Hernandez - Dept of Rec and Human Services):

- The Department has recently formed a crisis intervention unit
- New team called "Person in Crisis Team" - specifically looking at situations around MH, CD, and DV.
- There will be a 6-month pilot phase.
- Not only address the immediate crisis, but also connect people with services and will look to collaborate with providers.
- Press conference tomorrow at 2pm can be viewed on FB and the City's website. <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/crisisintervention/>
- Team Coordinator: Alia Henton-Williams #428-1303 and through the City's website.

Zoom Chat:

From Tim Wildman to Everyone: 08:46 AM

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q38M3SG>

From Michael Rood to Everyone: 08:46 AM

Thanks TIm!

From Pam Smith House of Mercy to Everyone: 08:55 AM

May we have Mark Muoio's phone number?

From Tom Tarnow to Everyone: 08:56 AM

Legal Aid is 232-4090 and LawNY is 325-2520.

From Tree@Providence to Everyone: 08:57 AM

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Part A: Eviction Protections

* Stays (freezes) residential eviction proceedings and bars new filings for sixty days, for implementation purposes.

* Allows residential tenants unable to pay their rent or secure alternative housing and suffering a financial hardship, or suffering a health-related hardship, to file, at any time, a hardship declaration, under penalty of law, with the landlord, court or enforcement officer that will prevent the filing, proceedings on and execution of any warrant of eviction until May 1, 2021.

* Allows certain proceedings to continue if the court, in response to an authorized new petition, finds that the tenant is persistently and unreasonably engaging in behavior that substantially infringes on the use and enjoyment of other tenants or occupants or causes a substantial safety hazard to others.

* Requires service on tenants together with rent demands and with any notice of petition a notice on rights and related information and the form hardship declaration and requires the court to notify tenants of such rights and provide such information.

* Requires the state Office of Court Administration post such information and forms on its website in multiple languages.

* Eases the reopening of default judgments in such proceedings, including providing for vacatur of default judgments on oral or written request.

* Creates a presumption of financial hardship arising on the filing of a hardship declaration that would support a defense based on financial hardship under the Tenant Safe Harbor Act, any appropriate executive order and any relevant statute, local law or administrative rule or procedure.

Part B

Subpart A: Foreclosure Protections

* Stays residential foreclosure proceedings for sixty days for implementation purposes.

* Allows borrowers who own ten or fewer residential dwellings, including their primary residence, and are experiencing financial hardship to file a hardship declaration with the mortgage lender, other foreclosing party or the court that will prevent the filing and proceedings on a foreclosure action until May 1, 2021. Subpart B: Tax Lien Sale Protections

* Prevents local governments from engaging in any tax lien sale or tax foreclosure until May 1, 2021, for such property of a residential property owner who owns ten or fewer units, including their primary residence, who is experiencing a financial hardship and files such a hardship declaration.

Subpart C: Credit Discrimination and Negative Credit Reporting

* Prohibits lending institutions from discriminating in the determination of whether credit should be extended to any owner of residential real property (ten or fewer units) because the owner has been granted a stay of mortgage foreclosure proceedings or tax foreclosure proceedings or tax lien sales, or the owner is currently in arrears and has filed a hardship declaration with the lender.

* Prohibits negative reporting to any credit reporting agency based on a stay on the filing or proceedings on any mortgage foreclosure proceeding, tax foreclosure proceeding and tax lien sale, or mortgage arrears during the COVID-19 period with respect to an owner who has filed such a hardship declaration with the lender.

Subpart D: Senior Citizens' Homeowner Exemption (SCHE) and Disabled Homeowner Exemption (DHE)

* Requires local governments to carry-over SCHE and DHE exemptions from the 2020 assessment roll to the 2021 assessment roll at the same levels.

* Requires localities to provide renewal applications, via electronic or postal mail, for those individuals who may be eligible for a larger exemption in 2021.

* Allows localities to specify procedures by which local assessors may require renewal applications by recipients believed to no longer qualify for the exemption in 2021.

* Bars any requirement that a recipient be required to personally appear to file a renewal, if a renewal is required.