



**Office of Temporary
and Disability Assistance**

Bureau of Housing and Support Services: Sharing and Coordination Event

October 31, 2023

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Keynote: Nichele Carver - USICH (United States Interagency Council on Homeless)— presentation of 'All In'
- Dialogue with Community Partners & OTDA Bureau of Housing and Support Services
- Overview of Budgeting in Hard Times
- Best Practices: Landlord Engagement and Mitigation Funds

Welcome and Introductions

Keynote

Nichele Carver, Senior Regional Advisor, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

Nichele has over 26 years of experience in the homeless services field. Starting out as an outreach worker in Richmond, Virginia and eventually leading the Commonwealth of Virginia's homeless services system through the COVID-19 pandemic. Nichele is currently the US Interagency Council on Homelessness Senior Regional Advisor serving New York, New Jersey, and the New England states. She has a bachelor's in psychology from Virginia State University and a master's in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dialogue with Community Partners & OTDA

Bureau of Housing and Support Services

- Status of BHSS contracts, accomplishments, and updates
 - Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)
 - Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
 - New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP)
 - Operational Support for AIDS Housing (OSAH)
 - Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program (ENHP)
 - Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus program (ESG-CV)
 - Legal Services for Eviction Prevention Housing Stability
 - New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC)
- Challenges facing service providers
- New opportunities
- Your feedback

Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)

- RFP released May 25, 2023, for SFY 2023-24
 - SFY 2022-23: 52 applications received and over \$230 million requested
 - SFY 2022-023: 23 awards, totaling \$121.6 million
 - Will create or preserve 1,235 units
 - SFY 2023-24 (to date): 18 applications received and approximately \$97.5 million requested
- By the numbers:
 - 94 projects in development
 - 47 currently in construction
 - 386 operational projects with 574 buildings and 11,560 units



Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)

New Opportunities

- **SFY 2023-24 HHAP RFP**
 - Maximum award requests increased to \$15 million
 - Maximum award requests increased for Existing Emergency Shelter Repairs to \$150,000
- **Construction and Development:**
 - HCR Preservation
- **Operations:**
 - Project Based Voucher's or PBVs (HCR)

Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)

- Round 8 RFP released October 10, 2023
- Round 7 RFP released September 8, 2022
 - 144 applications received; 127 conditional awards made
- By the numbers (OTDA):
 - 2,661 units locked-in to date
 - Over \$39 million claimed as of October 1, 2023

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

- RFP released July 20, 2023
 - Applications – 13
 - Awards – TBD
 - Appropriation – \$3.8 million
- By the numbers:
 - 2021: 318 households received housing subsidy assistance
 - 2022: 352 households received housing subsidy assistance

New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP)

- RFP released June 2, 2021. Contracts started January 1, 2022.
- SFY 2023-24: 134 contracts and \$45,425,443 in total funding
- By the numbers (SFY 2023-24):
 - 2,510 family units
 - 20,320 units in total
 - 372 young adult units
 - 17,438 single adult units
- For SFY 2023- 24: Funding formula increase starting Jan. 1, 2024
 - \$247 per bed/per month for single and young adult units
 - \$325 per unit/per month for family units.

Operational Support for AIDS Housing (OSAH)

- RFP Released February 17, 2023
 - Awards: 6
 - Appropriation: \$1,080,000
- By the numbers:
 - 25 units for families
 - 85 units for singles

Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program (ENHP)

- RFP Released April 5, 2023
 - Awards: 3
 - Appropriation: \$1 million
- By the numbers:
 - Over 400,000 meals served through emergency food services
 - Over 9,500 individuals received crisis intervention services
 - Over 1,000 households received eviction prevention services
 - Over 345 children received summer youth programming

Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP)

- RFP to be released early 2024
- Awards – 66
- Appropriation – \$16.3 million annually; State funds and Federal ESG funds
- By the numbers:
 - 2,750 served in Street Outreach
 - 7,900 served in Shelters
 - 2,400 served in Rapid Rehousing
 - 11,250 served in Prevention

Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG-CV)

- Awards – 55
- Appropriation – \$56.1 million, including outreach funds for the Emergency Rental Assist Program (ERAP)
- By the numbers, as of quarter end June 2023:
 - More than 24,800 persons served
 - 29 providers assisted with Street Outreach services
 - 85 providers assisted with Emergency Shelter
 - 72 providers assisted with Rapid Rehousing
 - 85 providers assisted with eviction prevention

Legal Services for Eviction Prevention/ Housing Stability

- Awards – 7
- Appropriation \$50 million
 - \$40 million outside of NYC
 - \$10 million to NYC
- By the Numbers:
 - Over 19,000 households served

New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC)

- BoS coverage area: Cattaraugus, Clinton, Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Putnam, Schoharie and Sullivan.
- 478 Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) referrals submitted to date; 132 vouchers received
- Negotiated 25 new Section 8 vouchers dedicated to homelessness
- Secured Special NOFO funding - \$2,503,302
- New CoC Funding - \$744,514 (\$603,237 RRH DV Bonus)
- New warming centers – Clinton, Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Schoharie and Sullivan; Cattaraugus still in development – **Full Coverage**
- Several HHAP/ESSHI Projects in development

What Challenges Are You Facing?

Challenges

- **Construction and Development:**

- Material & Labor shortages
- Increased insurance costs
- Increased lead time on materials
- Increased material costs

- **Operations:**

- Overstretched staff
- Increase insurance
- Occupancy rates
- Decreased revenue
- Limited housing stock
- Property Management Relations

- **Services:**

- Staffing shortages
- Lack of affordable units
- Damaged landlord-tenant relationships
- Health/safety-minded case management



Provider Feedback on Bureau Programs

What New Opportunities Have You Found?

Upcoming Opportunities

- **OMH Funding Opportunities**
- **DASNY**
 - Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program (NICIP)

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Overview of Budgeting in Hard Times

Standards and best practices for Nonprofits
presentation by Ken Cerini & Associates, LLP.

Ken is the Managing Partner of Cerini & Associates, LLP and is the executive responsible for the administration of the firms not-for-profit and educational provider practice groups. In addition to his extensive audit experience, Ken has been directly involved in providing consulting services for nonprofits and educational facilities of all sizes throughout New York State in such areas as cost reporting, financial analysis, Medicaid compliance, government audit representation, rate maximization, board training, budgeting and forecasting, and more.

Best Practices: Landlord Engagement and Mitigation Funds

Steve Darman

Director, Social Science Associates

Founder and Chair, Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition

Steve Darman is a sociologist with a background in community research, program design, program evaluation, project management, and coalition and consensus building. Steve is the founder of the HUD Continuum of Care for Oneida and Madison Counties (NY-518), also known as the Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition. Working in partnership over the past 21 years with over 40 local government agencies, community, and faith-based organizations, this Coalition has developed an integrated set of supportive and affordable housing programs and projects for a wide variety of homeless and low-income populations in Utica, Rome, Oneida and Madison Counties.

Best Practices: Landlord Engagement and Mitigation Funds

Liddy Bargar

Director of Housing Initiatives, CASAC-T
NYS510/ Ithaca Tompkins Continuum of Care

Liddy possesses a strong commitment to reshaping the support system for homeless individuals and enhancing the living conditions of those with limited income. Growing up in the community where she currently serves, Liddy leverages her personal experiences in navigating local resources as she leads HSC's Housing Initiatives. Her responsibilities include overseeing the coordination of the Continuum of Care, managing the Ithaca Eviction Displacement Defense, and spearheading the Ithaca Guaranteed Income program. Prior to this, Liddy gained valuable expertise in the homeless response system while serving as the Samaritan Center Director and establishing a small transitional housing initiative for women facing homelessness at Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga.

HDSW Supportive Housing Landlord Relations

Successful Landlord Relationships C-A-P by Nicole Granata, Human Development Services of Westchester

Nicole is the Director of Supportive Housing at Human Development Services of Westchester, who oversees the agencies transitional and permanent housing programs and case management services. Prior to joining Human Development Services of Westchester, Nicole worked as a Supervisor for Intensive Case Management, and served as the Coordinator for Inpatient Psychology at St. Joseph's Medical Center from 2010-2016. Nicole received her Bachelors of Psychology from Manhattanville College, and Master of Social Work from Fordham University. Nicole currently sits on the Westchester County CoC.

Landlord Engagement and Mitigation Practices

Sara Cohen, Subsidized Housing Program Manager,
CoveCare Center

Sara manages CoveCare Center's Rapid Rehousing Program, serving individuals and families in Putnam County who are experiencing homelessness. Since its inception in 2019, Sara has worked to create relationships with landlords and community partners to fight stigma and provide education about this vulnerable population, while working toward the goal of ending homelessness in Putnam County. The Rapid Rehousing Program has been able to secure permanent housing vouchers for 37 families and individuals to date. Ms. Cohen has over 15 years of experience working with housing and homelessness in both CT and NY and has been participating in the annual Point in Time National Homeless Count since 2008. She has an undying passion for the pursuit of ending homelessness.

Thank you!