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| Recovery Housing Network | |  | | --- | | January 22, 2013 | | 10am | | 112 E. Post Road, Office of Women, 1st Floor | |

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| Meeting called by: | Karl Bertrand, Dahlia Austin | Type of meeting: | Brainstorm session |
| Facilitator: |  | Note taker: | Allison McSpedon |
| Timekeeper: |  |  |  |

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| Attendees: | Dahlia Austin, Alicia Lore, Norvell Brandon, Donna Besterio, Gail Kelly, Debbie Perkins, Jesse Johnson, Karl Belgrave |
| Please read: | 100,000 Homes Presentation, Vulnerability Index |
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## Minutes

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| Agenda item: | Moving forward - fast tracking housing & services | Presenter: | Dahlia Austin |

#### Discussion:

DSS is committed to the process of fast tracking housing & services for the medically vulnerable homeless of Westchester. The purpose of this meeting is to develop systems to expedite resources.

A side bar was had about the creation of health homes. They may help this process or create potential duplication of effort. There will be overlap between assessments for health homes and the list created by the vulnerability index. Case management resources provided by health homes will be limited to health care with DCMH providing CM for additional services. Department of Health & Community providers can refer candidates to health homes. Their list will start with a legacy list of known clients.

Norvell Brandon expressed concern about systems to keep people with substance abuse issues in housing once they are placed.

#### Conclusions:

A “one door” application process needs to be created to assess the homeless population’s medical vulnerability as well as their eligibility for all programs & services available. This process needs to include a system to identify disability and mental health.

Correction: Health Homes Case Management will include mental health, substance abuse, behavioral health and housing entitlements. Case loads will be divided between high touch & low touch based on needs of individuals.

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| Action items |  |  |
| * Compile eligibility requirements from all participating programs by sending them via email to Allison at PDD. |  |  |
| * Identify who the point person within the Westchester county offices will be |  |  |
| * Clarify if housing will still be available when/if a person’s status changes (Example: they recover from substance abuse or become employed) Can they graduate to other programs?) * Clarify how Cuomo’s sign off on new legislation in response to Newtown and the AFA will affect resources available for working with substance abuse and mental illness * Determine Parity. (Example: if a person is on SSD do they automatically qualify for certain programs) |  |  |

## Other Information

#### Special notes: The next meeting of this team will be on February 19th at 10am in the EAP room