Homeless Alliance of WNY Meeting Minutes September 20, 2017

Called to order at 3:09PM by Chris Syracuse

Presentation by Michelle Scheib and Felix (last name) from Restoration Society to talk about their programs

* Youth Clubhouse is for those who are at risk and to get
* ACE
* Empowerment Academy
* CTI- critical time intervention
* Supportive Housing Program
* Living Room Model at Elm Street, from 3-11pm seven days a week on October 1; crisis diversion and hospital diversion, only 11 in the United States
  + There will be an RN on staff to do evaluations
  + People who use the ER because they don’t know where else to go
* Recovery Center is still open

As of October 1, OASAS is letting them expand the age from 16-23. Hoping to get the young people to stick. They’ve had retention issues.

* Food, karaoke
* For all young people with an addiction or who could be prone to an addition
* All other programs, save ACES, require 18 and over and most of them require a mental health diagnosis because the funding is through the state office of mental health
* Harbor House requires mental health

Code Blue in the winter time ensures that all people can enter, regardless of mental health diagnosis.

Announcement: Andrew Dearing is leaving HAWNY to go to the Erie County Department of Mental Health. Last day at HAWNY is October 6, 2017.

We are submitting the CoC Application soon; due on September 28th

* We sometimes are not grammatically correct in order to fit within the character limit
* We’re always trying to understand local services and figure out how to answer these questions
* The application is 199 pages, 160 pages of attachments.
* The application is online
* Dale reads through the entire application by subjects and discussed how we are addressing the various sections
* Must discuss the ranking and review process
* Must show the percentage of beds in HMIS (all our PSH beds but VASH, but VASH has so many that we’re low percentage wise)
* We need your input; we’re not providers, we want to make sure that we are not missing anything
* Performance reports really matter; HUD monitoring may be fine, but the rank and review will be dependent on performance reports
* Homelessness has gone up, increased by 500 people.
* Not all CoCs have the capacity to upload the performance metrics and that affects the funding
* Prioritization is important to demonstrate
* Must have to demonstrate non-discrimination, especially for LGBTQ, age, sex, gender, race, etc
* Must discuss unaccompanied youth
* MOUs with early childhood providers – we need to coordinate with these groups and will focus on this on the year ahead
* Local rankings on the website – Housing Options Made Easy was reallocated
* Questions? Is there a percentage of funds per county? (Dale delegates finding this out to Kexin)

Save the Date! HAWNY awards luncheon is on December 8th at Pearl Street

Blues Album released October 21 to support Homeless Vets

Be Counted is on October 27!

Code Blue is coming up. October 19th is the orientation and training!

Community Announcements

Adjourned!