**HAWNY Member Meeting**

**8/16/18 at 3pm**

**HAWNY Board Member Positions**

* 6 members for re-election

**NAEH Conference**

* Best turnout of WNY service providers compared to previous years, 16 people attended from WNY
* Jean Bennett from Restoration Society summarized the conference for the group
	+ Our CoC has already begun to address issues such as employment, housing supports, Critical Time Intervention,  and collaboration between agencies - things that others communities are just now starting to address
	+ Things we could do better – collaboration with law enforcement, measures for employment, collaboration with schools
	+ Some model programs we learned about: Healthy Streets Initiative (all points of contact are all at the same table) Cleveland – Prevention and Diversion – long term outcomes

**CoC Application Updates**

* Discussion of projects and each programs allocated funds
	+ Will be continuing to attempt to improve performance measurements and discuss strategies for improvement
* Our CoC should take the initiative to strategize ways to improve outcomes for their programs and follow through - HAWNY is modifying the quarterly reports to be more user friendly

**Emergency Transfer Plan**

* Survivors of domestic violence who are experiencing domestic violence while being enrolled in rapid rehousing or PSH– what is the plan to transfer them quickly to safety?
	+ Call for feedback
* Safety is the number one step before anything - make sure the client is immediately safe
* Next step – what is the protocol for transferring a client?
	+ - Based on CLIENT’S CHOICE if they want to be transferred or not
		- When abuser is NOT main client – when the abuser moves in to the survivors apartment, survivor can be moved to another available unit with the voucher – move to a different apartment
		- If the perpetrator is the client, the perpetrator will continue to be enrolled in the housing program, but the domestic violence survivor will be transferred to a different location
			* The clients need to know that disclosure of domestic violence, whether they are the survivor or perpetrator, will not jeopardize their housing stability
			* Document all transfer refusals
* This is a timely manner – next HAWNY board meeting is day before the application is due, so agencies need to deliver feedback to HAWNY asap
* The plan needs to be on the CoC application, and can be modified later or amended if necessary

**Registering Clients to Vote**

* Clients should register to vote when they move into housing
	+ This empowers clients
	+ Come to HAWNY to pick up voter registration forms
	+ Do NOT need ID to vote in NYS

**Announcements**

* Restoration Society is now open in the lower level of the library 8:30 – 4:30pm M-F
* September 24th, Erie County Department of Mental Health Peer Speaker Summit at the Library – 9:30 – 12:30 AM
	+ If you or a peer can share a story of overcoming mental illness
* “To Honor a Vet” 2nd Annual Latino Vets 8K
	+ Run and Family Walk - 9/9/18 at 9:30 AM
	+ Register: 716-207-1883