**HAWNY Membership Meeting**

January 17, 2018

Salvation Army Building, 960 Main St. Buffalo

Note Taker: Ariel Peters

***Meeting called to start at 3:07pm***

**On the Agenda:**

1. Introductions

2. Elections

3. By-Laws

4. Written Standards

5. CoC Policies and Procedures

6. Naming HAWNY the CoC/HMIS Lead

7. Moving on Initiative Fed. 2nd

8. SAMHSA Grant

9. Point-in-Time Count Survey

10. Community Announcements

11. Adjournment

**Introductions**

**A quorum was present**

**Elections**

* Election for the Board – this is the first time there will be an election. Criteria for membership was voted on by the board.
* If a project receives Federal funding for homeless services, they are automatically able to vote for the board.
* WNY Coalition and Niagara County Coalition, Veterans One-Stop, VA will also will be voting.
* Some are voting electronically at this time and attending the meeting virtually via GotoMeeting.

Byron McKinney is the chair of the board’s election committee.

Two elections occurring at the meeting:

* Niagara County Representative
* Robyn Kruger – up for re election
  + **Robyn Krueger has been re-elected unanimously by voice vote as one of the Niagara County Representatives.**
* On the ballot, 5 out of 6 members can be elected to the board.
  + No nominations from the floor.

*Election Results from members in person and attending virtually:*

* Elected to the Board:
  + Don Dauman
  + Chris Syracuse
  + Joy Tedeschi
  + Kim Tolley
  + Jessica Micha
    - *Not elected:*
      * Roger Woodworth

**By-Laws:**

* Amending HAWNY By-Law to formalize Coordinated Entry Oversight committee.
* Formalizing the Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee
  + It is a working committee already, but it is proposed to formalize it in the by-laws as a standing committee
  + The formalized oversight committee would have oversight of the policies and procedures of the CoC.
  + The committee is comprised of one representative from each type of program and one consumer of services.
    - A motion made by Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser to approve by-law amendment, Byron McKinney seconded.
      * Approved unanimously

**Written Standards:**

* A motion was made by Nadia Pizarro to approve the written standards as emailed to members previously. Seconded by Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser
  + - * + Approved unanimously

**Policies and Procedures:**

* + - * Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser motioned to approve the CoC Policies and Procedures as emailed to members previously. Seconded by Byron McKinney
        + Approved unanimously

**Naming HAWNY the CoC/HMIS Lead:**

* + - Motion to have HAWNY continue to be the HMIS lead / CoC Lead applicant. Motion to Approved by Nadia Pizzaro and seconded by Jessica Micha
      * Approved unanimously

**“Moving On” initiative:**

* + A technical service provider will come from NYC to conduct a training on transitioning consumers out of permanent supportive housing
    - Feb. 2nd – more details to follow

**SAMHSA Grant Opportunity:**

* SAMHSA grant out now for projects that provide services to homeless individuals with mental health disorders – more details to follow

**Youth Demonstration Grant Opportunity:**

* + Youth Demonstration grant out now – details to follow. HAWNY is encouraging providers to apply for this grant.
    - Last time we were not successful in getting this grant.

*Other Announcements:*

* HUD awards have come out – unfortunately our CoC NY-508 did not get the bonus project. There were not many bonus project awards given out by HUD this year. Albany and Syracuse lost funding for some of their Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
  + The Governor has included some initiatives in the State of the State address recently.
    - Initiative includes sending ACT teams into shelters across the state to help link consumers with services.
    - DSS will be required to come up with a detailed plan to deal with homelessness prevention and housing services.

**Point – In – Time Count:**

* The PIT count looks for individuals utilizing emergency shelter or who are in the streets. HAWNY is recruiting volunteers to do outreach for the unsheltered count.
* HAWNY has already reached out to most providers in WNY.
* Those who wish to volunteer should contact Christine Slocum at HAWNY.
* Code Blue providers are included in the count.

**Community Announcements:**

* Puerto Rico hurricane survivor program up and running – Catholic Charities and M & T bank helped to get this program started.
* 1st month’s rent and security deposit may be available for eligible survivors.
* First stop for survivors is DSS, second stop is Catholic Charities.
  + Looking for survivors who are homeless / unsheltered or doubling up / at-risk of homelessness.
* Neighborhood Legal Services
  + Lost a lot of funding
  + Request to reach out to local politicians to advocate for NLS and those who utilize their services.
  + Are hosting a ten-year anniversary event soon – details to follow.
* Code Blue
  + Can now get text message
  + Text Code Blue Buffalo at 898-211
  + Matt Urban needs winter items and food, can be dropped off M-F from 9-4pm.
* Kelly Dodd – Tax Season
  + Can get taxes done for free in under 54,000 annual income. Call 211 and find out where to get taxes done.
  + Myfreetaxes.com

***Meeting called to end at 3:43pm.***

Next meeting will be February 21st, 2018 at 3pm.

**In attendance:**

* Homeless Alliance Staff:
  + Dale Zuchlewski
  + Kexin Ma
  + Christine Slocum
  + Nate Pyzikiewicz
  + Sarah Kaiser
  + Ariel Peters
* Community members:
  + Lakia Palmer – Matt Urban Hope House
  + Heidi B. – Catholic Charities
  + Stephanie McKeel – Haven House
  + Stephanie Vroman-Goodrich – Evergreen
  + Jean Bennett – Restoration Society
  + Maria Picone – Catholic Charities
  + Jacob Puff – Path Stone
  + Kathy Granchelli - YWCA
  + Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser – Try Program
  + Alicia Delecki – Erie County Dept. Mental Health
  + Karen Rybicki – Erie County DSS
  + Jarrett Steffen – NFCD
  + Kathy Zunner – Veteran’s One-Stop
  + Andrew Dearing – Erie County Dept. Mental Health
  + Donell Gobson – Plymouth Crossroads
  + Ed Cooper – VA HCHU
  + Kathleen Heim – NHC
  + Hoa Mai – Buffalo Public Schools
  + Mike Wing – Saving Grace Ministries
  + Jennifer Beltre – Erie County
  + Yvonne Banks – Buffalo City Mission
  + Stacy Arlain – Best Self
  + Alyssa Hebeler – Spectrum
  + Renee Tebone – DePaul
  + Sarah Erick – TSI
  + Byron McKinney – Evergreen
  + Dr. Luis Jircitano –
  + Jan Mansfield – City Mission
  + Jody Tassone – TSI
  + Adam Lilley - TSI
  + Robyn Krueger – CMI
  + Maria Brown – Buffalo Public Schools
  + Linda Richards – Plymouth Crossroads
  + Sierra Johnston – Compass House
  + Sue Lumadue – COZ
  + Jessica Micha – Erie County Dept. Mental Health
  + Russell Stewart – VA Homeless
  + Ken Gholsten – Cazenovia
  + Christal Guthrie – MU Hope House
  + Marie Anderson-Stewart – Catholic Charities
  + Merlyn Vilma – Neighborhood Health Center
  + Sarah Gorry – Matt Urban
  + Carolyn Hillman – Salvation Army
  + Nadia Pizarro – Best Self