**Homeless Alliance Member Meeting**

**3/20/19**

**Meeting Minutes**

1) Introductions

2) Guest Speaker – Dawn Vanderkooi of 211 WNY

* Highlights:
  + 211 can place clients experiencing homelessness in a shelter placement after normal DSS hours or send a Code Blue van for transportation to shelter on Code Blue nights
  + Clients can text 898-211 for information or assistance and clients also receive text message reminders to report to DSS the next business day after being placed in shelter by 211

3) CoC and HAWNY updates:

* From Dale: This round the CoC scored 177.75 out of 200 on the CoC application, in the top 10 percent of CoCs. The highest score was 190.
* The CoC received one new project – an RRH expansion project in the GOW, and two reallocations: Compass House – RRH/TH, and ECDMH
* The CoC should continue to improve data quality and can reach out to HAWNY at any time for assistance with data quality and compliance
* The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grant is now out and is due May 15th, HAWNY will be applying again.
  + If any youth ages 16 – 24 want to help with writing the grant and/or participate on the Youth Action Board, please contact HAWNY or Nadia Pizarro at BestSelf

4) Community Announcements

* Rashida Hall from Erie County – please contact for information about planning sessions coming up for the latest Consolidated Community Plan
* The next meeting is at the Delavan Grider Community Center, April 11th.
* April 4th are workshops between 10 am and 4pm for ESG and HOPWA grants

5) Adjournment

* Next meeting is April 17th at 3PM at HAWNY