Homeless Alliance Monthly Meeting
5/17/17, 3pm

Introductions

CoC application brief and updates
- New project application is on our website since April 19th due June 1st, still looking for new applications
    - Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing Joint Projects, and Coordinated Entry
    - Have a need for PSH and RRH to fill needed gaps, programs are full now
- Renewal applicants: the application is now available and has been emailed to you
- $11 million ARD, we don't know how much will be bonus or tier 2, if it's similar to last year then approximately $791,000 will be in tier 2, may be 4 or 5 small programs
    - Tier 2 doesn't mean you won't get funded! But it is more risky.
    - Still recruiting for project selection committee--only criteria is that you can't currently be receiving funding
    - Everyone should look at your performance. And other programs that historically do well, and if those programs are doing things you aren't
    - Also look at your own program from last year to this year, are you doing better or worse?
- Expecting NOFA will come out in the beginning of June, review process will start from there

Youth Homelessness Updates
- Received HUD technical assistance because we applied for the YHDP, 63 communities received it
    - They listened to what we're doing, struggling with, how we can improve
    - Those ten communities that were funded are being used as a guide for other communities to end youth homelessness
    - Youth Homelessness Task Force will meet June 9th, 2:30pm at the Salvation Army

Chronic Homelessness Updates
- 13 people on list still. 4 refusing. Most are already referred.
- Also in one of 3 communities talking with HUD technical assistance related to declaring chronic homelessness, board approved our seeking the designation of having ended chronic homelessness

SOAR webinar, Andrew Dearing (HAWNY)
- SOAR is a national best practice for applying for SSI/SSDI, to help clients with high barriers apply for benefits, specifically targeted to those homeless or at risk and have diagnosed physical or mental disability
- Encouraging all of our partners to get trained, especially those that get CoC funding (more application points!)
    - Certification requires online course, 20+ hours over a month long period
    - Results! Top communities are seeing 76% approval on initial application and 3 month turnaround, unheard of results!

- Getting a lot of partners on board, lawyers on board, facilitating relationships with SSI and OTDA
- Webinar tomorrow: informational about SOAR, the online components, very intensive training for those who will aggressively pursue the process for their clients

Data Conference presentations and performance (Alicia Clark)
- Alicia and Christine presented at the National Human Services Data Consortium in Utah since the last meeting, Christine on the youth PiT count and Alicia on performance measures
- We also went to a lot of useful sessions to improve our CoC data practices, got lots of new ideas for things to implement to improve the Coc and individual provider understanding of our HMIS data
- Abbilyn Miller from HUD was at Alicia's presentation and said that what we are doing is on track
    - Alicia will also be presenting for a HUD technical assistance provider on a call with other CoCs for HUD Region 4 (the southeast United States) this month, both are great for getting our name out there and getting national recognition for our efforts and hard work
- The system performance measures summary page handed out today is for the whole CoC for the last fiscal year (10/1/2015-10/1/2016), and is also available on our [website](#)
    - Most measures include all providers, even those not funded by CoC or ESG
    - Please look at our system performance and your individual performance, think about how your individual performance numbers are affecting those overall numbers for our CoC
    - HUD collected system performance measures for the first time last year, we will be inputting them again this year by May 31st. You don't need to do anything or enter anything, these reports come from what is already in HMIS--just make sure your HMIS data is accurate and you update anything you are contacted about

Community announcements
- This year's Veteran Stand Down event is Friday June 23 at Coca Cola Field
    - If you can offer a service please contact WNY Veterans Housing Coalition so you can have a table there! About a 100 agencies so far, also good for networking
    - Last year 450 veterans came, a lot of employment and networking opportunities
- Saturday at East High School Buffalo Public Schools are sponsoring a public summit for families and children, if you have school aged children or parents they can register online at [buffaloschools.org](#), will have breakfast and lunch, FREE
- The WNY Coalition for the Homeless is having their annual bowling fundraiser for June 24th from 6-10pm at Kenmore Lanes, lanes will be reserved for children, families welcome, flyers coming soon!
- Compass House has their annual Buffalo Bison Star Wars night Saturday June 3rd, looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets and get cash donations, get to watch game for free, register at volunteerwny.org

Adjournment

Next meeting: 6/21/2017 at 3pm at the Salvation Army, 960 Main St. Buffalo, NY