



**GOW Meeting Minutes ~ Wednesday 25th, 2017, 10 AM**  
Independent Living in Genesee County, 113 Main Street, Suite 5, Batavia, NY 14020

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**In Attendance:** Richard Bennett (Genesee County DSS), Andrew Dearing (HAWNY), Debra McKnight (ILGR), David Dodge (ILGR), Rae Frank (ILGR), Nora Sheehan (OCMH), Dale Zuchlewski (HAWNY), Michelle McCoy (DePaul), Jennifer Higgins (Home Leasing), Megan Howppert (Home easing), Jennifer Siano (ILGR), Connie Sanderson (Pathstone)

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**\*\*IMPORTANT: Future HAWNY Meetings held with GOW partners will now be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every other month. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 22nd at ILGR at 10pm. \*\***

- 1.) Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Executive Director
- 2.) CoC Funding Awards
  - a. The awards were announced before Christmas.
  - b. Complete funding awards are listed on the back of the agenda. Just short of \$12 million for the area.
  - c. Executive Director of HAWNY, Dale Zuchlewski, addresses GOW Partners:
    - i. We spent the majority of the fall completing this application and also a youth demonstration grant that we weren't successful in and we would like to thank everyone for their support through the process.
    - ii. It was clear that HUD was encouraging programming cuts through stronger data standards, putting transitional housing at risk. Through the reallocation of transitional housing funds in GOW, you were able to add the funding by \$22,000 for a Rapid Rehousing project, totaling \$87,813.
    - iii. In total, the region was awarded \$500,000 more than last year. The region has reallocated 35% of our grant, which is substantial, in order to achieve the most amount of funding in the area.
    - iv. Evergreen Health service said they would cover this area for permanent supportive housing which is eligible for chronically homeless, which would have to be proven through homeless history and data. It works like a section 8 voucher with supportive services.
    - v. This funding will most likely be available this summer once proper paperwork and agency funding matches are met.
    - vi. This program is small but impactful to those who qualify and should stimulate a coordinated entry process and assessment process for clients.
    - vii. Dale is not anticipating major cuts with the new administration. Sometime between now and the end of April there should be a budget for HUD that can put this into perspective.
    - viii. Dale is speculating that there may be more opportunities for GOW areas but it would only come with clear data showing the need.
    - ix. Most importantly, we are going to need help advocating for funding. Chris Collins especially, since he has pulled with the current administration.
      1. Rae from ILGR stated that they had an event with Chris Collins in attendance.
    - x. Andrew and I will be taking technical assistance from SOAR for applying for local and national foundations. It would fund a staff position that completes 30-40 applications. We would issue an rfp for partners. We were thinking 3 staff positions (Erie, Niagara, GOW)
      1. Jennifer Siano from ILGR has submitted the first successful SOAR application in the area.
      - 2.
- 3.) CoC Activities and moving forward
  - a. RRH Coordination

- i. Talking with Kexin, the next steps after funding in GOW is setting up a Coordinated Entry Committee for the entire CoC. Having GOW representation will be important, because whatever kind of process that is established for the GOW, it will have to be approved by this committee.
  - ii. One of the benefits of the funding not available until the Summer is that we have time to coordinate and establish a solid referral process.
  - iii. We aren't telling you how to run your program but there are certain HUD documents and procedure that are required by HUD funded programs and to keep the program competitive within the process.
  - iv. We can work with Connie / Pathstone/Housing Council and partnering agencies, including DSS agencies.
  - v. Connie said that her, Rae and the Housing Council already met to discuss
    - 1. \$87,000: split it based on the pro-rata share
      - a. 57% Genesee 23% Orleans 20% Wyoming
      - b. 12 months of rent at fmr
      - c. Targeting 27 households: 15 in Genesee, 7 in Orleans, and 5 in Wyoming
      - d. Funding distribution programming: \$60K for directly deposit/housing subsidy, \$22K direct services \$4,700 admin.
      - e. \$800 per households amount
      - f. Agencies without disability we would reach out to Community Action
      - g. ILGR would work with clients
    - 2. Dale encouraged how to expand with the program for next year
  - vi. Andrew has been to DSS and SPOA meeting to educate the community about RRH.
  - vii. We can start the dialogue about the Coordinated Entry in the coming months.
  - viii. Connie suggested having a Buffalo RRH share policies with us to copy. BRAP
  - ix. This process will be in the written standards
  - x. Housing Council and ILGR will be doing the bulk of HMIS data entry. With the idea that DSS can do the assessment
  - xi. Rae would like someone qualified to do HQS housing inspections.
- b. Pathstone Vision's update:
  - i. Cheryl's last day is Friday
  - ii. It will cease as a transitional housing program
  - iii. Pathstone is still deciding what to do with the building
  - iv. The renovation of the building is under contract till 2022 to serve homeless or low income population.
  - v. Could serve as rapid rehousing or section 8
  - vi. Question about placing people there through dePaul
- c. Still paying attention with the DePaul HCR Project in Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties.
- d. Met with Eagle Star for Supportive Housing in Batavia with Home Leasing:
  - i. Looking for different housing partner for supportive housing in Batavia
  - ii. They have secured a site on main street
  - iii. 50 apartments 25 would be set aside for homeless vets.
  - iv. The balance would be regulated by the available tax credits for the building.
  - v. Goal is to apply for HCR this year and possibly start work in about two years.
- e. Coming year GOALS!
  - i. Are there any partner goals for the coming year:
  - ii. Met with Lieutenant at Salvation Army and they are interested in being involved here in Albany
  - iii. Have more interaction with Low Income Housing Property managers
  - iv. Dialogue with landlords. Rae was thinking about organizing a town hall with to better educate about the support services available. Possibly a breakfast.
    - 1. Belmont in Buffalo is doing something similar, so organizing an event like this would be beneficial. DSS has a list of landlords.
    - 2. Orleans County seems to be hard to find section 8 providers and appropriate housing.

- v. It was suggested that we meet every other month rather than every month to organize outside the meeting and encourage additional attendance.
- 4.) Point in Time Kick off and HIC Count
- a. Sundown on **January 25th** also marks the beginning of **HUD's annual PIT**.
  - b. We will be doing a **post night approach, extending the count from 1/25 to 2/1** and asking general questions about **housing stability**, so that we may collect more response from **homeless** and **at-risk clients**.
  - c. There is an outreach effort going on in all three counties in the early morning looking for those on the street.
- 5.) Adjournment

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NY-508 - Buffalo, Niagara Falls/Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming Counties CoC

- Catholic Charities RRH 2016 CoCR \$192,245
- Chronic Homeless Program 1 CoCR \$428,526
- CMI Rapid Rehousing CoCR \$286,753
- Continuum of Care I CoCR \$1,922,657
- Continuum of Care II CoCR \$2,158,542
- Continuum of Care III CoC \$211,583
- Erie Permanent Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness CoCR \$205,201
- Evergreen Housing First Program CoCR \$218,794
- Evergreen Housing First Program II CoC \$441,987
- Gerard Place Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Single Parent Families CoC \$246,945
- **GOW RRH 2016 Program CoC \$87,813**
- Matt Urban Hope Gardens CoCR \$427,273
- Matt Urban Housing First CoCR \$767,342
- Matt Urban Rapid Rehousing CoCR \$504,537
- New Connections Safe Haven CoCR \$436,235
- Niagara County Shelter Plus Care CoCR \$111,112
- NY508 HMIS CoCR \$210,255
- NY508 Planning CoC \$452,378
- Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless CoCR \$238,873
- Rapid Re-Housing CoCR \$195,162
- Rapid Re-housing for Singles CoCR \$542,744
- RSI Coordinated Entry Assessment Project CoC \$192,458
- Shelter Plus Care VI CoCR \$319,632
- Spectrum Chronic Homeless I CoCR \$292,245
- Spectrum Chronic Homeless II CoCR \$241,571
- Supportive Housing - Substance Abuse CoCR \$200,720
- Supportive Housing Program IX CoCR \$163,290
- TRY CoCR \$68,701

**TOTAL - \$11,765,574**



## Volunteer Needs / Street Outreach

Two shifts are available for each county:

- January 25 (8PM-11PM)
- January 26 (6AM-8AM)

HAWNY will provide \$3 Tim Hortons gift cards as participating incentive.

Known Location- Primarily looking for people living in their cars, camping in the streets, or sleeping in 24-hour locations (Tim Hortons/McDonalds)

Genesee	Address	Description/Need
Genesee County Fair Ground	5056 E. Main Street Rd, Batavia, NY 14020	Open Field: past encampment sightings
Top's Market's (Batavia)	390 W. Main St., Batavia, NY 14020	Parking Lot
Walmart Supercenter (Batavia)	4133 Veteran Memorial Dr., Batavia, Ny 14020	Parking Lot
BJ's Wholesale (Batavia)	8330 Lewiston Rd., Batavia, NY 14020	Parking Lot
Aldi (Batavia)	587 E. Main St #200, Batavia, NY 14020	Parking Lot
Tim Hortons (Batavia)	8400 Lewiston Rd., Batavia, NY 14020	Parking Lot/ Dining
Tops (LeRoy)	Tops Plaza, 128 W. Main St., LeRoy, NY 14482	Parking Lot
Orleans		
Erie Canal Trail Bridge	21 Glenwood Ave, Medina, NY 14103	Cars Parked near the Canal or people under the bridge
Tim Hortons	11305 Maple Ridge Rd, Medina, NY 14103	Parking Lot/ Dining
Tops Markets(Albion)	408 West Ave., Albion, NY 14411	Parking Lot
Tim Hortons (Albion)	161 S Main St, Albion, NY 14411	Parking Lot/ Dining
Save A Lot (Albion)	320 West Ave., Albion, NY 14411	Parking Lot
Walmart Supercenter (Albion)	13858 NY-31, Albion, NY 14411	Parking Lot
Wyoming		
Tops Markets (Arcade)	658 W. Main St., Arcade, NY 14009	Parking Lot
Tops Markets (Warsaw)	2382 NY-19, Warsaw, NY 14569	Parking Lot
Tim Hortons (Warsaw)	461 N. Main St, Warsaw, NY 14569	Parking Lot/ Dining
McDonalds (Warsaw)	2362 NY-19, Warsaw, NY 14569	Parking Lot/ Dining
Warsaw Village Park	89 Liberty St., Warsaw, NY 14569	Under Shelters
Silver Lake Outlet Trail	S. Federal St. and Needham St.	Along the Trail
Perry Village Park (Perry)	Near Lake St. and Chestnut St.	Under Shelters
Walmart (Warsaw)	2348 Ny-19, Warsaw, NY 14569	Parking Lot
Warsaw Village Parking Lot (Behind Spectrum Services or Sinclair Pharmacy in cars or digging through trash)	34 N Main St, Warsaw, NY 14569	Parking Lot

## 2017 GOW Point-in Time and Housing Stability Study for Homeless and At-Risk

Thank you for attending the HAWNY Conference Call to discuss the upcoming Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Housing Stability Study for Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties (GOW). This is a HUD funding required annual study to determine the homeless situation in an area at any given time. As suggested by GOW partners, we will be including a housing stability element to this study this year to appropriately gather information on those who are at-risk of homelessness as well. The official night in question is **January 25<sup>th</sup>** and we will be collecting survey to **February 1st**.

Here are some different elements of the PIT that need participation:

1. **Street Outreach:** We are in need of volunteers to go out to known locations in the community and survey those who are homeless. HAWNY will provide \$3 Tim Hortons gift cards as participating incentive to those found in the community. Volunteers will visit known location, looking for people living in their cars, camping in the streets or wooded area, or sleeping in 24-hour locations (Tim Hortons/McDonalds) There are two recommended shifts:
  - a. January 25 (8PM-11PM)
  - b. January 26 (6AM-8AM)**\*\* Please contact Andrew if interested in helping with Street Outreach during the PIT. [dearing@wnyhomeless.org](mailto:dearing@wnyhomeless.org)**
2. **Shelter Inventory:** We are asking County offices and charitable organizations to provide an inventory of clients being housed during the night in question 1/25<sup>th</sup>. This included hotel/motel or temporary shelter placements by DSS, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, or any other charitable organization.
3. **Service Provider Approach:** We will be collecting surveys from human service agencies, county offices, and charitable organizations (churches, nonprofits, soup kitchens, food pantries) the entire week after the primary night in question (**January 25<sup>th</sup> to February 1st**). We are asking that these agencies collect completed surveys from clients during this week due to infrequency of services and to reach the greatest amount of people.  
**\*\* Housing and Homeless Status must always refer to the primary night in question (January 25<sup>th</sup>).**

\*\*\*Please encourage clients to fill out as much as they can of survey, personal information collected is purely for statistical purposes and will not be distributed to any other parties.

**Survey Collection:** After February 1<sup>st</sup> HAWNY will be collecting completed surveys from all participating agencies. You can get them to us using one of three ways:

- Scan and email to [dearing@wnyhomeless.org](mailto:dearing@wnyhomeless.org)
- Fax: 716-853-1750
- Mail: 960 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14202

**NAME OF LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b> ___ / ___ / ____	<i>If the individual refuses full DOB, request birth year. If the individual will not give birth year, ask for age range (under 18, 18-64, 65+)</i>
<b>Social Security Number</b> ___ - ___ - ____	<i>If the individual refuses full social security number, request the last four digits. If the individual will not provide, leave blank.</i>
<b>Are you a member of someone else's household? If yes, whose? (Please staple sheets together)</b>	<b>What is your relationship to the other person?</b>
<b>Which gender do you identify with? (Circle One)</b>  Male    Female    Transgender    Neither.....Refused	<b>Are you a veteran? OR Have you served in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard)? (Circle One)</b> Yes    No    Don't know    Refused
<b>What is your Race? (Select all that apply)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know/Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<b>Are you Hispanic or Latino? (Circle One)</b> Yes    No    Don't know    Refused
	<b>Do you have any ongoing health problems or medical conditions such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused
	<b>Do you have any issues with substance?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused
<b>Do you have any mental health concerns?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused	<b>Do you have a physical disability?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused
<b>Do you have HIV? (Surveyor, make sure no one can hear this question and keep the answer confidential)</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused	<b>Do you have a developmental disability, such as learning disability, dyslexia, autism?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused
<b>Do you receive any disability benefits such as Social Security Income, Social Security Disability Income, or Veteran's Disability Benefits?</b> Yes    No    Don't Know    Refused	
<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	
<b>Where did you sleep on the night of January 25<sup>th</sup>?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In my own apartment or house <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily with friends or relatives (couch surfing) <input type="checkbox"/> Living on the streets, vehicle, or tent (circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily in a shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily in a hotel/motel provided by the county or charitable organization	<b>In the past year have you found yourself in any of these circumstances (choose all that apply)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In my own apartment or house <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily with friends or relatives (couch surfing) <input type="checkbox"/> Living on the streets vehicle or tent (circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> Been evicted within 2 week of having no place to go <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily in a shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Staying temporarily in a hotel/motel provided by the county or charitable organization
<b>How long have you been in the Above Situation?</b> _____	
<i>(Regardless of where they spent the previous night) Including this time, how many separate times have you stayed in emergency shelter (hotel/motel placement) or on the street in the past three years? (Important info if client is unsure: more or less than 4 times?)</i> 1 Time    2 Times    3 Times    4 or more times    Client Refused    Client Doesn't Know    NEVER	
<b>In total, how long did you stay in emergency shelter (hotel/motel placement) or on the streets in the past 3 years?</b> 1 Month (round up to one month)    2-12 Months    More than 12 Months    Refused    Client Doesn't Know    NEVER	