



### **HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

**Attendance (42):** Jeremy Garson, Jarrett Steffen, Arlene Short, Kexin Ma, Robyn Krueger, Ashley Matrassi, Alissa Steele, Bianca Logan, Carmen Lozada, Darwin Rosales, Diane Livingston, Dj, Enelida Rodriguez, Jean Bennett, Jill Mattson, Joshua Z, Judith, Katrina Cropo, Michelle Laraby, Nabiha Ukaj, Nadia Pizarro, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nate Miles, Nicole Jordan, Paul Martell, Rae Frank, Reno Tabone, Stephanie Mejia, Thanh Nguyen, Tracy Schmidt, Trudy Decker, Christine Slocum, Stacy Arlain, Mary Damiano, Jacob Hoffman, Adonis Kernan, Gordon Williams, Dan Gordon, Josh Curry-Bascome, Rishard Johnson, Saleha, Gerrod Bennett

#### **1. Introductions:**

#### **2. Speaker: Good Skill Employment Program – Arlene Short, Goodwill**

- Initiative for workforce development based on a program called Manufacturing the Future with a \$500 stipend upon completion and bus pass through program and during early months of employment
- 2 focuses of study: IT and Technology or Manufacturing with an assigned career coach for up to 3 years
- Program runs for 4 week: (1st week intake, 2nd week: certification (everyone in the program does cybersafety security), 3rd: week everyone is in the classroom for soft skills including interview practice and resume writing, 4th week, students continue to learn with platform and donated items.
- Visit facilities including printing company & M&T Bank finance HUB at Seneca One tower because there are options for them to continue training. Curated job fair with 6 - 10 selected employers after graduation
- First satellite office to apply at 1333 Jefferson, GED or better, no sex offender status for people to come in and apply for the program with pre-screening. Opportunity to see what barriers prevent a client from the program?
- Class average 15 - 18 and graduate 12 - 13 a month. This figure is looking to grow soon. Oasis will give a \$2000 tax credit to employers that hire candidates in recovery

#### **3. CoC NOFO Update**

- HUD funding that helps people experiencing homelessness in our region. 2 NOFO opportunities is our regular Continuum of Care and the next is special shelter and Rural Communities
- Thanks to providers for working with a tight 2 month deadline.
- Our web page shows 17.2 million for our county with application

- Heart, Love & Soul CE for Niagara County Expansion, Salvation Army RRH, Jericho Road RRH are selected to be included in FY2022 NOFO competition, not guaranteed they will be funded.
- Last year, there were three programs that were selected and should be up and running soon if not already. Heart, Love & Soul CE, Hispanics United DV bonus RRH, and Spectrum PSH for Wyoming and Erie. These programs are up and running or coming up soon.
- Importance for all programs to incorporate people with lived experience in program design with feedback from these stakeholders
- In our outreach meetings we talk about how to reach out to clients outside normal business hours to include these voices
- Next week we will work on Rural NOFO to benefit Genesee and Wyoming County
- Received program proposal for RRH in Genesee or Wyoming County
- E Snaps: this year requires a letter of support after a meeting 9/22 for these esnaps

#### **4. CoC Updates**

- PIT Planning Committee - HAWNY will need assistance with PIT count. Reach out to Ashley Matrassi at [matrassi@wnyhomeless.org](mailto:matrassi@wnyhomeless.org)

#### **5. HAWNY Luncheon – December 9, 2022 at Classics V**

- HAWNY is enthusiastic to celebrate achievements of providers and individuals in our community with this event

#### **6. Community Announcements**

- HAWNY welcomes Alissa Steele into the role of Training Coordinator
- Project Homeless Connect on October 13, 2022 at the convention center.
- HAWNY is hiring for a Youth Coordinator – job is posted on Homeless Alliance of Western New York website:  
<https://wnyhomeless.org/app/uploads/Job-Announcement-Youth-Program-Coordinator.pdf>

#### **7. Adjournment**