



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Time: 3:03 PM - 3:55 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

Attendance (33): Alan Huntington, Allison Geddes, Christine Slocum, Colleen Pici, Dan Gordon, Deborah Goldman, Kristin DiMartino, Friends of the Night People Staff, Kenneth Gholston, Gigi Grizanti, Jenifer Kaminsky, Jeremy Garson, Jill Mattson, Joseph Heary, Josh Curry-Bascome, Joshua Zicarelli, Luis Santos, Marie Kaiser, Matt Urban Staff, Meg Honan, Michelle Laraby, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Robert Goods, Rachel Straker, Reno Tabone, Ryan Trubits, Stacy Arlain, Teneva Dennis, Terry King, Thanh Nguyen, Trace Gillis, Tracy Schmidt, Caitlin Bauer,

1. Introductions

2. Youth Action Board (YAB) and Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) RFP

- HAWNY announced that they are seeking a qualified non-profit agency or for profit agency to work with facilitating the needs of the Youth Action Board, the Lived Experience Advisory Committee or both;
- Applicants must indicate if funding requests are for YAB, LEAC, or both; and the funding for this RFP is renewable annually based on performance and funding availability from federal sources;
- Deadline of April 11th, 2022 for submission for the RFP.

3. System Performance Overview

- HAWNY shared some information regarding the system performance metrics that get sent to HUD such as;
 - The annual count of unduplicated sheltered homeless individual numbers have decreased over the past two years. This is potentially due to the eviction moratorium and also some of the covid relief funds that have been used to combat homelessness.
 - The median length of stay for homeless individuals in emergency shelters and homeless shelters has risen across the last few years while the percentage of earned income for people that are leaving homelessness has decreased over the past 3 years.
 - The rates of recidivism has stayed almost the same over the last year while permanent housing stability has remained stable over that same period of time.

4. Covid-19 Update

- The rate of infection has significantly dropped over the past few months to under 2% in the whole state and even lower for Erie county at 1.3%.
- Discussing COVID vaccines with the community and giving clients the information needed to make informed decisions is very important.
- 89.3% of the State has received at least one dose of the vaccine, up from 80% last month, and 76.1% of Erie County has received at least one dose of the vaccine;
- 1.3 million people age 5 and up that are eligible for the vaccine but haven't received them nationwide;
- COVID procedures for shelters have not changed since the last month and mask mandates being lifted across the state do not impact shelter procedures.

5. COC announcements

- Our COC received 16.5 million dollars in HUD funding, a significant increase from last year that was 13.8 million, almost a 20% increase;
- Hispanics United received funding for a RRH program for domestic violence victims, along with a partially awarded PSH program for Spectrum;
- Reminder was given about upcoming HUD funding applications for new projects for next year that will need to be filled out in the coming months.
- HAWNY announced a 3 current job openings with the organization;
 - Program Coordinator;
 - Landlord Engagement Specialist;
 - Compliance & Program Improvement Specialist

6. Community Announcements

- There will be a new SPOA coordinator for Erie County, and Chrissy Scott is the new forensic coordinator for Erie County
- Veterans one stop was looking to donate two electric scooters that they no longer need to anyone that needs those services

7. Adjournment