



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

Time: 3:02 PM - 3:37 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

Attendance (36): Adonis Kernen, Alan Huntington, Ashley Matrassi, Carmen Lozada,, Christine Slocum, Clinton Parker, Colleen Pici, Dan Gordon, Darwin Rosales, Frances Cruz, Gordon Williams, Hans Schiffert, Jacob Hoffman, Jeremy Garson, Joe Heary, Joshua Zicarelli, Kelsey Lignos, Ken Gholston, Kexin Ma, Leah Brown, Major Santiago, Maureen Hunley, Michelle Laraby, Minnie Kim, Nadia Pizarro, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nick Arlain, Rachel Straker, Rae Frank, Renee Murrill, Stacy Arlain, Stephanie Mejia, Teneva Dennis, Tracy Schmidt, Vicky Garcia, Will Marcy

1. Opening Statements

- Ken Gholston made opening remarks about the attack at the Topps Supermarket and discussion was opened for providers to share ways that people can get involved to help those affected.

2. Introductions

- Introduction of HAWNY's new employee, Ashley Matrassi.

3. Point in Time Review

- HAWNY shared data regarding the PIT count, which showed the number of sheltered individuals has increased but that is due to the low numbers during the pandemic. Current totals are very similar to pre-covid totals;
- Unsheltered number is in line with the numbers from the previous years before covid, with a slight decrease present;
- Number of chronically homeless individuals from the PIT count was at 50, which is a significant drop since 2016 but the numbers have gone up slightly since the pandemic;
- Rapid Re-housing numbers have gone up significantly to around 550 from around the previous numbers of 400.
- All of the PIT count figures are now posted on the HAWNY website

4. CoC Updates

- CoC Renewal Application Process
 - Renewal application starts on Monday May 23rd;
 - Mid-June renewal application due;
 - Mid-End July NOFO release date anticipated, most likely after the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference from July 25th-27th

- Early August date for local new project rfp release, and an end of October NOFO due date is expected
- YHDP Planning Meeting (In-Person)
 - Meeting coming up June 8th, 1pm-4pm to revisit the plan to end youth homelessness. The meeting will be reviewing the success and gaps in the current plan and creating a new action plan to address any gaps present.
- Build for Zero Updates
 - An initiative supported by Community Solutions which aims to reduce the number down to functional zero of people that are experiencing homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness. Our goal for this area is to reduce the chronic number down to 3 people by the year 2024, with our numbers currently around 50;
 - Last week city, county, and coordinated entry representatives attended a learning session in Chicago to understand what other communities are doing to implement the Build for Zero program in their local communities.

5. Community Announcements

- There is a new office opening up for Independent Living for Genesee, and they are hosting an open house on June 9th from 11-2pm in Batavia.

6. Adjournment