



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 20th, 2022

Time: 3:10 PM - 4:21 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

Attendance (51): Adonis Kernen, Adria Swain, Alicia Alleway, Alissa Venturini, Ashley Matrassi, Avalene Musik, Chetrece Huff, Clinton Parker, Dan Gordon, Donnell Gibson, Erin Corcoran, Helene McMahon, Jannette Evans, Jarrett Steffen, Jen Kaminsky, Jeremy Garson, Jill Mattson, Joshua Ziccarelli, Julie Butkowski, Katrina Cropo, Kenneth Gholston, Kexin Ma, Kristen Brenon, Kristin Tanner, Lisa Freeman, Luanne Firestone, Maggie Hersee, Major Jose Santiago, Mary Hansen, Maureen Paul, Meghan Grochow, Michelle Laraby, Nadia Pizarro, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nicholas Colonda, Nicole Agudelo, Nicole Jordan, Patricia Rejewski, Penny Washington, Rae Frank, Reno Tabone, Ryan Trubits, Sue Lumadue, Susie Fox, Tabitha Williams, Ta-Shara Carter, Thanh Nguyen, Tracy Schmidt, Trudy Decker, Wanda Hillman, Brooke Shields

1. Opening Statements/Introductions

2. Voting on Amendment to By-Laws

- Amendment being discussed and voted on allows for virtual meetings along with permitting virtual notice of upcoming meetings;
- Vote has passed and amendment adopted

3. Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) Announcement

- Announcement regarding the BMHA Housing choice voucher waitlist is now open and will be open until June 22nd, at 5pm est. The vouchers are lottery based so they are not chosen on a first come first chosen basis;
- Application can be found on the bmhahousing.com webpage;
- The vouchers are available for anyone in any county by they are only applied to apartments located in Erie county.

4. CoC updates---CoC Notice of Funding Opportunities

- Receive federal COC grant, 16 million dollars, funds about 20 different programs through 5 counties, housing related.
- COC existing project application process is currently ongoing, with the selection having met to evaluate the applications. The ranking and award letter won't be sent out until NOFO is released.

- New projects are still on hold until the NOFO is released at the end of July but the COC funding guide has been published online
- HAWNY announces the COC RFP for Genesee, Wyoming County to host a committee meeting will take place August 11th 9am-12pm in Batavia to discuss planning for helping unsheltered individuals, and the impact of the COC applying for rural funding from HUD

5. System Gap Planning Activity

- Interactive activity with data where participants looked at data and shared their thoughts and experiences regarding how individuals experiencing homelessness are served and what gaps are present in the system and what more can we do as a community to fill in the gaps of service

7. Community Announcements

- Hispanics United are going to be opening a new supportive housing building by the end of August

8. Adjournment