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**In Attendance:** Richard Bennett (Genesee County DSS), Andrew Dearing (HAWNY), Christine Slocum (HAWNY), Debra McKnight (ILGR), Rae Frank (ILGR), Nora Sheehan (OCMH), Michelle McCoy (DePaul), Sandy Smith (Wyoming County Community Action), Dominique Johnson (ILGR), Elizabeth McClam

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## **1.) Welcome & Introductions**

### **2.) Continuum of Care 2017 NOFA Update**

- a. The Homeless Alliance of WNY is planning to submit the area's consolidated CoC applications for the 5 county region. The consolidated applications consists of hundreds of pages and attachments show HUD how our community operates, coordinates, and collaborates the homeless housing system works with different resources throughout the community , including healthcare systems, prison, education, and other institutional resources.
- b. Individual programs also apply through the local application process to receive funding. This includes the RRH program.
- c. Since out last meeting, out CoC has gone through the local application process. The back of the agenda has the results of the local application process. A selection committee looks at each program and their performance. The programs in tier 1 are almost guaranteed funding while those in tier 2 compete with other tier 2 programs nationally. It is important to recognize the competitive nature of this funding and to protect your program through high performance and record keeping in HMIS.
- d. The GOW RRH renewal project was placed in tier 1, since funds were only recently made available.
- e. Unfortunately, the new project application to increase funds for the existing project project was received late and was not considered during the local application process.
  - i. Since this is a new program, it might be a good thing not to have more money, because there would be more pressure to perform. Slowly turning the community onto this new resource might be a better strategy.
  - ii. Christine said that since
- f. Total for all 5 counties include \$12 Million.
- g. Rae asked for clarification about the renewal and new applications. She also asked about the renewal.
  - i. Christine says that the new funding will be available at the end of the funding round.
  - ii. Elizabeth from HUD clarified saying that is should be available around the new year and that this GOW program is in a good stop to receive funding without a lapse in program funds from the renewal application.
- h. One of the main reasons the GOW RRH program was put in tier 1 is because it is so new but next year will be competing with programs within the continuum. Advice would be to use the money, serve as many clients as you can, and record progress in HMIS.
- i. GOW RRH has housed their first client. DSS was housing the client for over a month prior.
  - i. Dominique described getting the client to the housing and some the difficulties they have faced thus far.
  - ii. Building these connections and learning from these troubleshooting period
- j. Elizabeth asked about referrals and it seems like ILGR is receive them from various places around the community including Genesee DSS, CAO, and internally through ILGR.

- i. Michelle McCoy said that she mentioned it at the last SPOA meeting and the Andrew reached out at well.
  - ii. Andrew also said that we is meeting with Genesee DSS shortly to encourage more referrals.
  - iii. Andrew also suggested that referrals and clients should all be recorded into HMIS, including the VI-SPDAT.
- k. HAWNY is actually planning Coordinated Entry training at another point in time. It will teach the community how to refer and how clients are prioritized.
- l. Rae needs more clarification one how long Pathstone will be paying full rent.
  - i. It should be determined case by case: some clients need more help than other.
  - ii. Erie County typically does 9 months of assistance.
  - iii. RRH program can provide 24 months max.
  - iv. It will most likely look differently in GOW.
  - v. A payment plan should be determined with clients and pathstone.
  - vi. Many of this conversation should be had with Pathstone.
  - vii. Elizabeth suggests that these changes in payment should be well documented
  - viii. There will be a meet and greet with Pathstone staff that will help coordinate clients housing payments.
  - ix. Sue Boss will play a role in helping ILGR develop this process with Pathstone.
  - x. Debra commented saying that it might not be the best strategy to have a time frame on the program for the client.
  - xi. Dom asked about documenting client's conversations and progress in HMIS.
    - 1. Christine suggested using an interim review with anything changes for the client. Clients should stay open in the system as long as they are receiving a subsidy.
  - xii. Andrew encourages ILGR staff to reach out to more clearly

### **3.) Housing & Employment Resource**

- a. Housing Resource
  - i. ILGR helped HAWNY develop a housing and employment resource for the community through CoC Planning Funds.
  - ii. Michelle McCoy suggested making changes on DePaul properties that don't quite fit the housing description.
  - iii. The Housing Resource only includes apartment complexes and I should grow over time with private landlords.
  - iv. A couple of local landlords found via the breakfasts' should be added to the list for RRH purposes.
  - v. DSS agencies also have rental property number advertised in their offices.
  - vi. Richard said he would share an updated list
  - vii. Andrew suggested only sharing landlord/apartment information to the public if it is public information and not share private landlord information with agreement to work with RRH services.
- b. Employment Resource
  - i. ILGR also helped develop an employment resource to help link clients to employment and increase their income, which is a performance measurement.
  - ii. This resource is also being used to

### **4.) Youth PIT (October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

- a. HAWNY is working with our various partners throughout the region to get data and apply for a HUD youth demonstration grant that would improve funding for unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness.

- b. 12- 24 unaccompanied youth
- c. We won't do street outreach in this community but we will still be reaching out for data.
- d. Category 1 Homeless (literally homeless on the street/in a car) or COUCH SURFING
- e. Last year there was information coming from CAO, ILGR, Planned Parenthood, Gateway Longview
- f. It was suggested reaching out to YMCA, YWCA, All Babies Cherished, Ministry of Concern

#### **5.) CoC Community Announcements**

- a. Just wanted to mention that we should start thinking about the January PIT which will take up a big part of the next meeting agenda.
- b. The Genesee County Housing Needs Assessment is still conducting research about housing within the county. HAWNY did share data collected.
- c. ILGR is having a Job Club titled 'CAREERS' coming up, it's a 6 week class starting October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. ILGR is having a class on 'understanding reasonable accommodations' to teach people how to ask for job accommodation for disabilities.
- e. ILGR is has an anger management group every Tuesday 2pm-3:30pm
- f. ILGR Wyoming County is having a declutter support group as well.
- g. Dave Rumsey formerly from Wyoming County DSS is taking over the Genesee County Commissioner.
- h. Connie Kramer from WCCA is retiring and Sandy Smith is taking over.
- i. Zach from Eagle Star wanted to notify the group that they received funding for their project.
- j. Holly Garden is actually developing an old schoolhouse for elderly.
- k. DePaul received 4 more supportive housing Respite beds for people coming out of a hospital. High users of Medicaid.

#### **6.) Andrew notified the group that he will be moving on from HAWNY to taking a position with Erie County Mental Health. Christine Slocum and Mary Fran, who works closely with Niagara Falls from HAWNY will be filling my role until they decide to fill the position.**

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#### **7.) Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: November 28th, 2017 at ILGR in Batavia from 10am to 11am**

FY 2017 Local Application Ranking

Applicant Name	Project Name	Requested Amount	Approved Amount	Cumulative Total	Application Type	Performance (75)	SOAR(5)	Compliance (20)	Bonus (30)	Total	Rank
Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Ctr of WNY	Matt Urban Housing First	\$767,342	\$767,342	\$767,342	PSH	65	5	20	20	110	1
Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Ctr of WNY	Matt Urban Hope Gardens	\$427,273	\$427,273	\$1,194,615	PSH	60	5	20	20	105	2
Spectrum Human Services	Spectrum Chronic Homeless I	\$533,816	\$533,816	\$1,728,431	PSH	58	5	20	20	103	3
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless	\$238,873	\$238,873	\$1,967,304	PSH	63	0	18	20	101	4
EHS, Inc.	Evergreen Housing First Program	\$218,794	\$218,794	\$2,186,098	PSH	47	5	20	20	92	5
Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo, Inc.	Rapid Re-Housing	\$195,162	\$195,162	\$2,381,260	PSH	70	0	19		89	6
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	Supportive Housing - Substance Abuse	\$200,720	\$200,720	\$2,581,980	PSH	70	0	18		88	7
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Continuum of Care I	\$1,922,657	\$1,922,657	\$4,504,637	PSH	62	5	18		85	8
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Continuum of Care II	\$2,158,542	\$2,158,542	\$6,663,179	PSH	62	5	18		85	9
BestSelf Behavioral Health Inc.	New Connections Safe Haven	\$436,235	\$436,235	\$7,099,414	PSH	58	5	19		82	10
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Chronic Homeless Program 1	\$428,526	\$428,526	\$7,527,940	PSH	40	0	18	20	78	11
Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Ctr of WNY	Matt Urban Rapid Rehousing	\$504,537	\$504,537	\$8,032,477	RRH	55	5	18		78	12
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Continuum of Care III	\$211,583	\$211,583	\$8,244,060	PSH-1st yr renewal						13
EHS, Inc.	Evergreen Housing First Program II	\$441,987	\$441,987	\$8,686,047	PSH-1st yr renewal						14
Gerard Place Housing Development Fund Company, Inc.	Gerard Place Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Single Parent Families	\$246,945	\$246,945	\$8,932,992	PSH-1st yr renewal						15
Restoration Society, Inc.	RSI Coordinated Entry Assessment Project	\$192,458	\$192,458	\$9,125,450	CE-1st year renewal						16
Homeless Alliance of Western New York	NY508 HMIS	\$210,255	\$210,255	\$9,335,705	HMIS						17
The Housing Council at PathStone	GOW RRH 2016 Program	\$87,813	\$87,813	\$9,423,518	RRH-1st yr renewal						18
Restoration Society, Inc.	Rapid Re-housing for Singles	\$542,744	\$542,744	\$9,966,262	RRH-2nd yr renewal/1st year operation						19
Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	CMI Rapid Rehousing	\$286,753	\$286,753	\$10,253,015	RRH-2nd yr renewal/1st year operation						20
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Supportive Housing Program IX	\$163,290	\$163,290	\$10,416,305	PSH	50	5	19		74	21
Catholic Charities of Buffalo	Catholic Charities RRH 2016	\$192,245	\$192,245	\$10,608,550	RRH	55	5	14		74	22
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	Niagara County Shelter Plus Care	\$111,112	\$111,112	\$10,719,662	PSH	55	0	18		73	23
Erie County Department of Mental Health	Shelter Plus Care VI	\$319,632	\$319,632	\$11,039,294	PSH	55	0	16		71	24
Teaching and Restoring Youth Inc.	TRY	\$68,701	\$68,701	\$11,107,995	TH-Youth	45	0	8	10	63	25
Housing Options Made Easy, Inc.	Erie Permanent Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness	\$205,201	\$0	\$11,107,995	PSH	39	5	15		59	
						Project Design(45)	Experience(25)	Budget(30)	Bonus		
Restoration Society, Inc.	Joint TH and RRH project	\$934,574.00	\$934,574.00	\$12,042,569	New Project	39.5	22.8	24.8	20	107.1	26
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	Multi-County PSH for CH	\$427,769.00	\$205,201.00	\$12,247,770	New Project	37.4	21.4	26	20	104.8	27
Restoration Society, Inc.	RRH expansion	\$824,507.00			New Project	39.5	22.8	24.8		87.1	
Compass House	RRH	\$306,600.00			New Project	33.2	23.1	23		79.3	
Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo, Inc.	RRH expansion	\$168,900.00			New Project	31.8	18.8	24.3		74.9	
TRY	TH-RRH	\$438,211.00			New Project	35	17.8	20.7		73.5	
My Place Home	PSH "Polly Jean Suites"	\$171,200.00			New Project	20.6	12.3	13.3		46.2	
Plymouth Cross Road	TH-RRH	\$318,425.00			New Project	Application did not meet threshold/eligibility					
ALLY	TH-RRH	\$94,440.00			New Project	Application did not meet threshold/eligibility					
The Housing Council at Pathstone	RRH expansion	\$167,813.00			New Project	Application did not meet threshold/eligibility					

Total ARD:	\$11,313,196
Tier one:	\$10,634,404
6%	\$678,792
Bonus(6% PPRN)	934,574
Tier two:	\$1,613,366
Total	\$12,247,770