

Homeless Alliance Meeting
September 21, 2016
Called to order at 3:07pm

Introductions

HAWNY submitted CoC Application (Dale Zuchlewski)

- \$12 million, 231 pages
- Application included a large and diverse range of questions and topics, including: RHY; DV; how we coordinate w/ non-CoC organizations; board members; Consolidated Plan jurisdictions (had to get 8 government agencies to sign off); CoC PHA set asides (Amherst/Niagara Falls has 25% for homeless, need to work on in Erie Co.); discharge planning; coordinated assessment process; open project selection review and process proof; HMIS, including bed coverage rates (asks about HUD VASH and faith based beds); HMIS data quality, policies and procedures;
- HUD expects us to: reach out to new entities; improve system performance (we can improve in job and income growth); coordinate with schools, health homes; housing first across agencies; enter system performance measures in HDX, our LOS is low and we do a lot well;
- 20% reallocation expected, we did 29%
- “We put our heart and soul into the process”—we’re close to ending chronic homelessness, but stuck on around 25 people, and hoping to end it soon

Homeless Youth Demonstration Grant (Kexin Ma)

- “chances are not very high”, but we will be applying for grant
- \$33 million for 10 communities
- Using the application as a learning process to improve our system
- Nadia described the youth PiT, taking place on October 7th-8th, surveying any youth 24 and younger that are homeless, sleeping from house to house, in their car, or any other unstable situation

Homeless Partners Symposium (Dale Zuchlewski)

- November 20th, 2016
- Hoping to get the providers and funders together to answer questions and better coordinate services
- May be potential glitch if federal budget isn’t approved, more details will be announced at a later date

NYSICH (Dale Zuchlewski)

- Dale was appointed to New York State Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Chair of rules & regulations committee, please tell him what obstacles NYS rules & regulations pose to serving homeless people so he can communicate that at NYSICH meetings
- Also a member of CoC and RHY committees

HAWNY Board Elections (Dale Zuchlewski)

- Board elections will be in January, please submit resumes and information to HAWNY if you would like to be considered, open to everyone

Written Standards (Kexin Ma)

- VI-SPDAT for singles
 - Meeting held prior to this meeting with outreach, shelters, and housing providers to discuss moving from the locally developed Coordinated Assessment to the nationally used and evidence based VI-SPDAT
 - Initially thought to be too long, providers have recognized how helpful the VI-FSPDAT has been in helping families, more detailed questions give the case managers a better picture of client situation, and they think the VI-SPDAT could be effective for singles
- Attendees vote unanimously to pass approval of VI-SPDAT for coordinated entry for singles

HMIS Data Changes (Nate Pyzikiewicz)

- Changes will take place Oct. 1st
- Minor upgrade but moderate appearance changes, no new questions, any client exited before Oct. 1st will not be affected
- Change to logic of questions that ask about client's chronic status and homeless history
- Nate will host two webinars going over the changes
- ServicePoint 6 will come out early next year, lots of visual changes, no more ART, better reporting

Veterans Announcement (Dale Zuchlewski)

- On Thursday, October 20th 2016, Buffalo History Museum

Adjourned