HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Time: 3:03 PM - 3:40 PM
Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

1. Introductions

2. HAWNY Board Elections
   - 7 Open Board Positions
   - Nominees (7):
     - Joy Tedeschi, Catholic Charities
     - John McMahon, Rental Assistance Center
     - Chris Syracuse, Living Opportunities of DePaul
     - Kim Tolley, Buffalo City Mission
     - Van Jorgali, CPA
     - Robyn Krueger, Community Missions, Niagara
     - Mary Hanson, NLS Attorney, GOW for a term that expires in 2022
   - Mary Kaiser (TRY) motioned to approve nominees to fill board vacancies, Edward Jackson (Buffalo Urban League) seconds
   - Members approve motion, nominees listed above are approved to fill board vacancies

3. Guest Speakers: Athena McCrory, Legal Aid Bureau
   - Handout: Pandemic Instructions from Legal Aid Bureau on how to answer a Buffalo City Court Warrant during Covid-19
   - Discussed Buffalo City Court procedures regarding warrants and bench warrants
   - Contact Buffalo City Court Criminal Records Department to determine bench warrant, court date, and assigned lawyer
   - Can also search for court date and assigned lawyer (but not bench warrant) online
     - Keyword “webcrims ny”
     - Website: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/webcrim_attorney/Login
   - Legal Aid Bureau offers support for working with warrants and the justice system

4. CoC Updates
   - HUD has renewed all current CoC grants
   - NOFA for new projects expected in September 2021, but no specific date set
     - Historically has included PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, and Coordinated Entry programs
     - If expecting to apply, please contact Dale and Kexin to discuss further
ESG-CV programs underway
  ○ ESG-CV Round 1 Prevention programs held up due to eviction moratorium
  ○ ESG-CV Round 2 still not released, expect more information soon

U.S. Treasury Department funding was approved in latest Covid Relief Bill
  ○ NYS HCR managing this funding
    ■ More information at https://hcr.ny.gov/RRP
  ○ U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program Details:
    https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program
  ○ National Low Income Housing Coalition FAQ:
    https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/FAQs_Emergency-Rental-Assistance.pdf

5. Community Announcements

- BestSelf - Safe Space open, hiring new staff
- Warrior Salute - Outpatient Clinic closing January 29, New Core House housing program will remain open
- Fidelis - Offering assistance for Social Security applications, offering assistance with health insurance and medical care
- Pinnacle Community Services - Dare, Dream, Drive (YHDP Family Engagement project) up and running; Street Outreach program (in collaboration with Heart, Love & Soul) is up and running
- The Dental Office at Good Neighbors Health Care (175 Jefferson Ave) will be offering free dental care this Saturday, 1/23, 9am-1pm. Care available includes extractions, fillings, and advice. Care will be provided by UB Dental Students in their final year of school, supervised by faculty
- Community Missions - If anyone has anyone looking for a job, Community missions is hiring for a Youth peer Advocate and we have two posistions open. The Transitional Shelter will be Housing Youth 18-24 and so we are looking for peers for this posistion. Please have them apply online @ https://www.communitymissions.org/careers
- Gerard Place - Hiring two case managers. Our website has more info - www.gerardplace.org
- Buffalo Urban League - Hiring for a RRH Case Manager: www.buffalourbanleague.org/careers
- Question: How to get connected with Covid vaccine for frontline staff?
  ○ Check online for eligibility: https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/
  ○ Can email m.hammer@nwbchcc.org - Merlyn Hammer (Neighborhood Health Center) for other assistance and updates

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM