



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 positions open. The Transitional Shelter will be Housing Youth 18-24 and so we are looking for peers for this position. 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