



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Time: 3:04 PM - 3:49 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

1. Introductions

2. Guest Speaker: Major Don Sanderson, The Salvation Army

- Long Term Residential Rehab Center on Military Road
- Program is 6-9 months long
- Residents can stay for maximum 1 year
- This facility is men only
- 80 beds
- Free to residents -- fully supported by Salvation Army Thrift Stores
- Explained Salvation Army program and wants to work together with CoC on providing resources to the community

3. Point-In-Time (PIT) Count 2021

- Happened on January 27, 2021
- Unsheltered count was unofficial and dependent on existing Outreach Teams
- Still asking for HMIS data entry for January 27, 2021 to be completed as soon as possible
- Planning unofficial unsheltered count for summer
- Data and information due at end of April

4. CoC Updates

- CoC NOFA application
 - Process to begin June or July
 - Will use shorter application form
 - Will discuss further with Project Selection Committee
 - New projects will have CoC Bonus for PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, and CE
 - Possible to have DV Bonus open for RRH, TH, and CE
 - YHDP Projects will be renewed this year
- Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds
 - <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>
 - NYS expects to open online portal for intake and basic eligibility in mid-March

- Funds can be used for 12-15 months rental arrears, will prioritize those at 50% AMI
- Local jurisdictions will be responsible for outreach and application assistance
- Covid Vaccination
 - HUD has been encouraging front line workers to receive Covid vaccination
 - Encouraged but not required to note in HMIS clients that have been vaccinated
- Advocating for Funding
 - Now is a good time to advocate for funding
 - More funds expected in upcoming Covid relief bill
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness has a way to contact Senate for funds
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/actions/urge-congress-fund-emergency-homeless-services-and-rental-assistance-now/?contactdata=lvQHI1blbwGm1dyUP8oGZxKGqP%2fUdoM%2bQyO%2f7U45nbkhiIbE8lqb4bWfaorIjdzU8Q%2bHkjYYccuwZ4uxmigcX6Hm87CPWIRBrOAUMLIGdxbt00Qii6wedft%2ffgoTnuntU64X2fTyUVQNRx3NmkyQ%3d%3d&emci=457e2a69-4671-eb11-9889-00155d43c992&emdi=e548ce35-4c71-eb11-9889-00155d43c992&ceid=4808723>

5. Community Announcements

- HAWNY - Dale is retiring this summer, job announcement and application process for Executive Director will begin in March
- Focused on Families (NF School District) - offering parenting classes, call 716-286-0745 to register and for more information; will host a Prevent Child Abuse Awareness event in April

6. Adjournment

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