



## **HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**Time:** 3:05 PM - 3:43 PM

**Location:** GoToMeeting Video Conference

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Guest Speaker: Andrea Walh, Child & Family Services**

- C&FS Overview:
  - Serves 12,000 clients in 20 programs serving 8 counties in WNY at 12 locations
  - Programs: Counseling, Case Management, Health Home Program, DV Prevention Services, Foster Care & Adoption, Mediation, Residential Treatment Services, Employee Assistance Program, Special Education Programming
- C&FS Counseling Services
  - Discussed benefits of counseling services
  - Can serve anyone, works with Medicaid and other programs and on a sliding scale
  - Counseling services located at 330 Delaware Ave in Buffalo, NY and 3901 Genesee St in Cheektowaga, NY
  - Aims to schedule appointments within 6 days of client contact
  - Specializes in trauma resolution
  - Pre-Perinatal Therapy offered
  - Therapies offered: EMDR, Progressive Counting, DBT, Motivational Interviewing, CBT, Pre/Perinatal Depression, and more
  - Offers permanent telehealth counseling
- Referral Contact Information
  - [intake@cfsbny.org](mailto:intake@cfsbny.org)
  - <https://cfsbny.org/our-services/counseling>
  - Jeff Eckert - Intake Supervisor
  - Naiem Bello-Colon - Bilingual Intake Supervisor

### **3. CoC Updates**

- Renewal applications submitted, selection committee reviewing applications in 1 to 2 weeks
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) funding
  - Working with locally awarded PHAs on a plan
  - HCR operating State allocation -- local county allocations not yet determined

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
  - Commonly referred to as “Treasury Funds”
  - Funding for rental arrears up to 12 months and 3 months of rent going forward
  - State application portal to open late May or early June
- OTDA Data Warehouse
  - NYS reaching out to see if HAWNY will release HMIS data to OTDA
  - No extra work for providers
  - Nate to reach out directly to agencies to discuss interest in joining the OTDA Data Warehouse
  - This data sharing is to assist with NYS planning for homelessness funding and services
- PIT and HIC completed, final results to be published on HAWNY website soon
- HAWNY Board continuing to interview candidates for Executive Director of HAWNY and will make a final decision at a later date, contact Ken Gholston with any questions

#### **4. Community Announcements**

- Operation Vaccination: Vaccines widely available, Nadia to send weekly emails to Coalition on updates for this program
- Family Promises: hiring a case manager
- HAWNY: hiring a data manager
- Haven House: hiring 2 FT and 1 PT positions
- Heart Love & Soul: hiring for Outreach Case Manager

#### **5. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM