



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 3:02 PM - 3:44 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

1. Introductions

2. Guest Speaker: Jacob Matteson, The Service Collaborative of WNY

- The Service Collaborative of WNY leads local Americorp programs such as Americorps VISTA and Economic Opportunity Corps
 - VISTA works in capacity building, Economic Opportunity Corps works in direct service
- Jacob Matteson leads the Economic Opportunity Corps
- Americorps may be a good fit for clients with less intense needs
- RFP available for agencies to request Americorp service member
 - Contact Jacob Matteson at jmatteson@tscwny.org for more information

3. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) & Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) - Kexin Ma

- ERAP
 - State has opened online application portal at <https://nysrenthelp.otda.ny.gov/en/> or 1-844-691-7368
 - Encourage all to apply
 - Niagara County has awarded navigation coordination
 - Can also call 2-1-1 for assistance
 - WNY Independent Living of the Genesee Region is lead agency for Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties, call 585-815-8501 x424 for further assistance
 - If having issues complete
- Stand Up Buffalo
 - City of Buffalo program that also address rental and mortgage assistance, <https://www.buffalony.gov/1378/Stand-Up-Buffalo>
- EHV
 - Belmont: 72 Vouchers
 - RAC: 71 Vouchers
 - HCR: 1447 Vouchers
 - HCR has proposed one-third of vouchers (or 482 vouchers) will be shared with 17 CoCs in NYS

- HAWNY has advocated to HCR to include more vouchers for our region and Upstate NY
- Discussed proposed population priorities for eligible clients
- Discussed proposed implementation of program
 - HCR plans to start August 1
 - RAC/Belmont/HAWNY will host application forms online

4. CoC Updates

- Renewals Applications
 - All programs received pre-approval, no reallocation expected but depends on NOFA funding allocation
- New Project Applications
 - Still waiting on NOFA to be released by HUD before these applications will be made available
 - If interested in applying, please contact HAWNY staff to discuss further.
- HAWNY Staff Update
 - Joelle Dyer will be going to reduced part-time work
 - Jeremy Garson hired as Data Manager

5. Community Announcements

- Matt Urban Center: 21 unit PSH program, 15 dedicated to DV, 6 dedicated to homeless, can house clients directly and from Coordinated Entry; contact Sherri for more information and application for clients at sjones@urbanctr.org
- Catholic Charities: Introduced Tatesha, new Housing Program Manager

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM