HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Time: 3:02 PM - 4:04 PM
Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference
Attendance (62): Ariel Peters, Kexin Ma, Alan Huntington, Alex, Andrew Dearing - DEP, Kristen Brenon, Callie, Charise-Saving Grace Ministries Inc., Chris Janiga - BestSelf Behavioral Health, Dan Hanssel, Deborah Goldman, Desiree Sullivan, Diane Bessel, ECDMH (Christine Slocum & Josh Curry-Bascome), Eric Weigel, Friends of Night People-Anthony, Jacob Hoffman, Janette Evans Neighborhood Health Center, Jarrett Steffen - HAWNY, Jean Bennett, Jenelle Vonburen, Jeremy Garson, Jill Mattson, Jordan Osborne, Joseph Heary, Judy Martin, Kathleen Leonard, Kayliee Bertrand - Matt Urban, Kelsey Lignos, Ken Gholston, Kristin Rivera, Leah Brown, Leslie Ortiz-Fogg, Linda Camoin, Major José Santiago, MARIE KAISER, Mary Hanson - Matt Urban, Megan, Nadia Pizarro, Nate-HAWNY, Patrick Gillick LPF, R Tabone-DePaul, R.Goods, Robyn Krueger (she/hers), SAlessi, Sarah Erick, Caitlin Bauer, Nick Arlain- TSI, Sarah OTDA, Cynthia Stumer, Sukie - HAWNY, Tracy Schmidt - Heart & Soul, William Higgins, various callers

1. Introductions

2. Guest Speaker: Q&A Session NYS Data Warehouse with Sarah and Linda (OTDA)
   ● Reviewed previous NYS Data Warehouse discussions
   ● **Overview:** Data Warehouse meets HUD specifications, has some sharing agreements with some NYS CoCs, Web based system to connect to a portal that uploads data and strips away the personal information, Yearly reports to NYS can be completed automatically if participating in the NYS Data Warehouse
   ● **Question:** How did other CoCs handle issues with release of information for existing clients or those that do not want to give ROI for Data Warehouse
      ○ **Answer:** Declining data warehouse and still accepting HMIS has not come up
   ● **Question:** How do we best gain informed consent to individuals receiving services and in regards to their use of data in the NYS Data Warehouse?
      ○ **Answer:** WellSky consenting system does not allow for altering export files based on ROI/sharing
      ○ Can work on technical aspects on this
      ○ HUD has provisions for providing aggregate data for research purposes
      ○ How can we deidentify before turning over data to NYS Data Warehouse?
      ○ Agencies will join on an opt-in basis, will only export data for a sharing group with those agencies that have opt-ed in
   ● **Question:** How will this data be used for funding decisions, especially if agencies do not opt into the NYS Data Warehouse?

- ○ **Answer:** Getting data is important to start conversations about funding
- **Question:** From a technical side, is there an updated security specs for the data warehouse and Lockbox? And is the personal data purged from the lockbox. Last technical information I was shown was from 2014
  - ○ **Answer:** 2014 is the latest version, working on updates, security procedure hasn't changed since then, PII put in lockbox, user uses an encrypted password and the data is purged
- **Question:** If you do not have a ROI from everyone, will the client's data be shared?
  - ○ **Answer:** No. Only a sharing group with agencies where all clients agree will be shared
- **Follow Up:** Nate to make the NYSHADE Opt-in Form and Client Consent template available on our website and also shoot them out through email to the HMIS users.

3. Guest Speaker: Live Well Erie Presentation by Diane Bessel
- Live Well Erie Housing Task Force (sponsored by HOME)
- Focus on 5 main areas: Eviction prevention, Homelessness prevention and support, mobility support, housing policy, efforts to increase to quality and supply of affordable housing
- Purpose is to get feedback on their report and get that from agencies
- Presented detailed findings of report
- Community Comments:
  - ○ Discussed using data-driven methods for use of system policy making and resource allocation
- Please send community priority input to Diane Bessel dbessel@daemen.edu

4. CoC Updates
- NOFO RFP posted on website, application due Friday, September
- Renewal projects applications due in eSNAPS by October 1, 2021
- 2021 Q3 Report will be released on the HAWNY website this week

5. Community Announcements
- Link to sign up to table at Project Homeless Connect Oct. 28th. Megan had to leave the meeting a few minutes ago. https://forms.gle/gxQQz7D35JNiVF2E8

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM