



# HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Information

**Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Time:** 3:03 PM - 3:50 PM

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

**Attendance (46):** Kexin Ma, GCASA, Josh Curry-Bascome, Maura Kelley, R Tabone, Ashley Matrassi, Christine Slocum, Dan Gordon, Gina Schelemanow, Katrina Cropo, Kim Hubert, Joshua Zicarelli, Lisa Freeman, Nick Calandra, Lenny Peterson, Sasha Rodgers, Clinton Parker, Julie Butkowski, Michelle Laraby, Thanh Nguyen, Teddy McDuffie, Trudy Decker, Darwin Rosales, Carmen Lozada, Alissa Steele, Dannise, Adria Swain, Alissa Venturini, Enelida Rodriguez, Nadia Pizarro, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Ryan Trubits, Sarah Erick, Vicky Garcia, Gordon Williams, Nicole Jordan, Jenifer Kaminsky, Jacob Hoffman, Jarrett Steffen, Jean Bennett, Adonis Kernan, Tabitha Williams, Tatesha, Phone 1, Phone 2, Phone 3

## 1. Introductions

## 2. HAWNY Luncheon

- Friday, December 9, 2022 at Classics V
- Event Details & Tickets: <https://wnyhomeless.org/luncheon2022/>
- Service Award Nominations: <https://forms.gle/9z5EE5AMS43BF19c9>

## 3. Partner Highlight: [Toys for Tots](https://buffalo-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=100&nPreviewInd=200&nRedirectInd=3)

- Applications for families are open now
- Families can apply through 2-1-1 or through website
  - <https://buffalo-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=100&nPreviewInd=200&nRedirectInd=3>
- Contact Toys for Tots to become a toy drop off site

## 4. CoC NOFO Reflections

- Applied for Rural NOFO in addition to Annual NOFO this year
- Presentation Link Here:  
<http://wnyhomeless.org/app/uploads/NOFO-reflections.pptx>
- System performance goals
  - 5% reduction in PIT number
  - Reduction in number of first time homeless

- Length of time homeless (90 days or less is goal, we are at 72 days)
- Increase 2% exit from shelter, transitional housing, RRH to permanent housing
- Maintain 96% retention or exit to permanent housing for PSH
- Reduce 1% in returns to homelessness
- Employment rate target 20% in RRH/PSH; non-cash rate target 50% in RRH/PSH
- Outstanding outreach efforts and low barrier housing
  - Our outreach exit to positive housing rate is 54%
  - National average is 33%
  - Our exit to permanent housing reached 40%
- Supporting underserved communities and supporting equitable community development
  - Are these populations being served by the homeless system at the same rate they are experiencing homelessness?
- Review of FY2021 Data comparing percent experiencing homelessness and percent new enrollment in RRH/PSH by race

<b>FY2021 % experiencing homelessness and % new enrollment in RRH/PSH by race</b>		
Race	Experiencing Homelessness	New Enrollment in RRH/PSH
Unknown	4%	6%
White, non-Hispanic	34%	30%
White, Hispanic	6%	12%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1%	0%
Multiple Races	4%	6%
Black, African American, or African	45%	47%
Asian or Asian American	1%	1%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	2%	1%
<b>FY2021 % experiencing homelessness and % new enrollment in RRH/PSH by underserved populations</b>		
LGBTQ+	3%	5%

Persons with disabilities	50%	66%
Persons who live in rural areas	23%	15%

- HMIS Changes
  - Combining racial and ethnic identity in HMIS
  - Will roll out new race and ethnicity questions in HMIS over the next year
  - Will collect information on language
  - Will change the gender question in HMIS over the next year
  - All changes will be posted on [wnyhomeless.org](http://wnyhomeless.org) and communicated to HMIS users
  - Will create more trainings on how to ask sensitive identity questions

## 5. CoC Updates

- Transfer Committee - Hosting a training on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Buffalo Central Library Second Floor on difficult to serve clients and how providers can better serve them and meet their needs.
- November 1, 2022 10:00 AM Coordinated Entry Process Workshop at Salvation Army Buffalo Cafeteria
- Seeking a location to host a DSS training for 60-100 persons regarding public assistance and the different types of programs and services that DSS can offer our service providers.

## 6. Community Announcements

- **ECDMH:** Erie County Training Collaborative hosts meetings on 4th Tuesdays at Noon
  - <https://www3.erie.gov/mentalhealth/erie-county-training-collaborative>

## 7. Adjournment