HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Time: 3:04 PM - 3:59 PM
Location: Zoom Video Conference

Attendance (82): Kexin Ma, Carmen Lozada, Will Marcy, Tracy Schmidt, Ashley Matrassi, Alissa Steele, Amina Arabaty, Anna Mogo, Brittany Coker, Caitliln Bauer, Cassiah Gilvin, Christine Slocum, Clarke Gocker, Clinton Parker, Collette Graham, Dan Gordon, Darwin Rosales, Ellen Wood, Gina Schelemanow, Jean Bennet, Jenna FitzPatrick, Jennifer Garrigan, Jessica Jarvis-Guay, John Herrmann, Joshua Curry-Bascome, Joshua Ziccarelli, Julie Butkowski, Katey Soellers, Katrina Cropo, KLingos, Larissa Liburd, Lauren Baldwin, Lisa Freeman, Margaret Varga, Mike Owczarczak, Cheryl Moore, Natalia Lopuchowycz, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nicole Jordan, Nicole Juzdowski, Penny, Rennel Williams, Rob Cline, Rob Williams, Rosalie Mangino-Crandall, Sara Gartland, Sarah Poczciwinski, Sasha Rodgers, Trueletta Williams, Shanena DiMaggio, Shannon Boswell, Skylar Shurr, Stacy Arlain, Thanh Nguyen, Travis, William Higgins, Jarrett Steffen, Ryan Trubits, Bianca Logan, Brenna Davey, Brooke Shields, Deborah Hoy, Helene McMahon, Jacob Hoffman, J Dolan, Jessica Starks, Jill mattson, Aundrea Sanders, Alissa Venturini, Kim Neuman-Vaeth, Laura Pennington, Luanne Firestone, Matt Urban PSH Director, MHPC ZOOM 1, Octaevia, Phone 1, Diane Gayles Livingston, Donald Williams, Jenifer Kaminsky, Lisa Maria Cruz, Susan Muscato, Kristen Brenon

1. Introductions

2. CoC Updates
   - **NOFO Award and What's Next**
     - HAWNY announced some figures from the NOFO nationwide announcement. There was a total amount of $2.76 billion funding nationwide, with $7.3 m for our CoC, which is an increase of 795k from last fiscal year
   - No FMR increase this year
   - Our CoC scored 182.75 out of 200 possible points which is just six points short of the highest in the nation, historically high for our CoC
   - 2 new projects funded this year, Salvation Army RRH and VIVA RRH
   - HAWNY also announced that the NOFO local application process is starting now. CoC funded agencies with existing projects should have received an email from HAWNY regarding their program and the local application process.
• Those programs have until May 19th to correct any data in HMIS, with the local application to be due around mid to late June
• Renewal application will be released at our next HAWNY meeting
• HAWNY also announced that the CE oversight committee is currently recruiting new members for outreach and RRH positions and anyone interested should email Kexin Ma

3. Presentation: “Opioids in the Community Today,” by Cheryll Moore, Erie County Department of Health
• FDA is making narcan and OTC drug which should be coming to stores during summer, 2023
• Overdose deaths in Erie County around 100 a year in 2012, and that number has risen to 305 in 2022
• Average age of death from opioids in Erie County is 46 years old, numbers have gone down for 29 and under
• Fentanyl is the major contributor to deaths in Erie County with 86% of all opioid deaths, 50-100 times stronger than heroin
• Full powerpoint presentation here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_S6MwcgL1n5sym4Bo3qzWlkQz3yLqA0S/view?usp=sharing

4. Community Announcements
• PUSH Buffalo is recruiting organizational partners to support and sponsor a non-partisan Buffalo Common Council candidate forum on June 6th at the downtown library. It will be multi-issue with an emphasis on housing justice. PPG and League of Women Voters have signed on. Please reach out if your organization is interested in sponsoring and joining us in May to promote it and/or canvass neighborhoods where the housing crisis is most pronounced! Lots of ways to get involved and this election is critical to many of the issues our organizations are working on. Contact email is clarke@pushbuffalo.org

5. Adjournment