



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Time: 3:02 PM - 3:33 PM

Location: Zoom Video Conference

Attendance (60): Adonis Kernan, Alica Yeager Alleway, Alissa Steele, Ashley Matrassi, Brianna Kirk, Byron McKinney, Catlin Bauer, Caitlin (From WNYIL), Cassiah Gilvin, Christine Slocum, Courtney Friedline, Dan Gordon, Danielle Dunlap, Dannise, Darwin Rosales, Deborah Hoy, D Hill, Diane R. Bessel, Donell Gibson, Dr. Shatila D Sago-Hart, FONP Board, Heart Love and Soul, Jarrett Steffen, Jean Bennett, Jill Mattson, Jody Tassone, Joshua Z (Soldier On), Joslyn K. Briggins, Julie, Kailee Van Brunt, Katrina Cropo, Kelly Craig, Ken Gholston, Kexin Ma, Kim Hubert, K Lignos, Laura Pennington, Luanne Firestone, Maria Chudy, Michelle Laraby, Mandy, M Martin, Nadia Pizarro, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nicole Jordan, Paul Martell, Phillip Pandey, Rae Frank, Robyn Krueger, Reno Tabone, Ryan Trubits, Sara Gartland, Sarah Poczciwinski, Sasha Rodgers, Skylar, Sue Lumadue, Susan Muscato, Taylor Blake, Thanh Nguyen, Phone Caller

1. Introductions

2. Board Elections

- The nominating committee has recommended to maintain the current board members, David Rodriguez, Janette Evans, Mary Hanson, Michael Henry, Peter Warn, and Glenda Washington and add two seats to the board temporarily;
- New nominee for the two new temporary seats are introduced, Luanne Firestone Director of Family Promise of WNY and Phillip Pandey, Director of Vet Services at D'Youville University;
- Attendees are given the opportunity for any additional nominees with none nominated;
- No opposing votes on the nominated board members, all 6 board members re-elected along with the two new board members added.

3. Health Insurance Enrollment

- Danielle Dunlap, a Navigator for the NYS marketplace provided updated Health insurance enrollments;

- Time frame announced for either April or May for the new enrollment period, clients are encouraged to call during that time period to be enrolled or re-enrolled.

4. CoC Updates

A. Point In Time Update

- PIT count is taking place on the night of January 25th and during the day on January 26th;
- Planning committees have been examining the routes and getting feedback from the volunteers, and updating the routes accordingly;
- HAWNY has updated the PIT surveys to make the process as simple as possible for the surveyor and the participant while remaining compliant with HUD regulations;
- Safety course was given on Tuesday January 17th, which requires a follow up survey and a waiver to be signed and returned by next Tuesday. The session was recorded so if any more volunteers would like to participate they can be added before next week if they take the safety course;
- HAWNY is also accepting donations to be provided to the community, deodorant, socks, underwear or other items that individuals in the community might use.

B. HAWNY Meeting Topics Discussion

- HAWNY is looking to be more solution focused and transparent, including with HAWNY meetings. The goal is to make HAWNY meetings more meaningful and engaging so that we can bring more people to the table to help with our COC's work;
- HAWNY is also looking for community members to participate in some of the different committees such as: COC oversight committee, Program Selection Performance committee, YHDP Accountability committee, HMIS advisory committee, PIT committee, YAB, and Adult With lived Experience Committee;
- Survey was distributed to attendees to fill out to give some feedback on HAWNY meetings and COC feedback.

5. Community Announcements

- HAWNY announces promotion of Ryan Trubits to Senior Program Coordinator for Erie County and will be hiring a new Niagara County Coordinator;
- HAWNY announces a new eviction prevention strategies training on February 22nd at 2pm that will be provided through Housing First University. HAWNY will send out an RSVP link shortly when it becomes available;

- HAWNY also announces that on Monday 2/6 from 2-4 pm there will be the first of a series of training called “The Housing First Philosophy”. The sign up for this training will be coming out by next week. Links to RSVP for the training sessions will be sent out as soon as they become available.

6. Adjournment