HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, October 16th, 2024
Time: 3:02 PM -3:51 PM
Location: Virtual
Attendance (72): Kexin Ma, Jacob Hoffman, Dan Gordon, Caitlin Bauer, Bailey Norris, Rebecca Batt, Natalia Lopuchowycz, Daniella Gallego, Pam McKinney, Rae Frank, R Martin, Shannon Stachowski, Jody Tassone, Rob Williams, Josiah Lyon, Lisa Freeman, Reno Tabone, Yulissa Pena, Pam Quigley, Evan Coyle, Dinoshka Ortiz, Christine Slocum, Kashmir Bowser, Peggy Nowakowski, Clare Corbett, Mark Mancuso, Carolyn Brunelle, Ken Gholston, Jamie Dolan, Kristin Tanner, Tracy Schmidt, Meg Honan, Katrina Cropo, Haley Diagostino, Sara Carlson, Edwina, Stephanie Saunders, Will Irene, Will Marcy, Holly Rutkowski, Stephanie Mejia, Luna Vasquez, Thanh Nguyen, Timothy McNeil, Michaela Thorley, Michael Devine, Jessica Starks, Sondra Brown, S Anderson, Daisy G, Liz Wierbinski, Kristian Allen, Stacy Arlain, Nancy Mongiovi, Annette Lock, Chris Brown, Paul Martell, Joshua Ziccarelli, Gigi Grizanti, Janine Cool, Kaitlyn Dickey, Tamarr Young, Abby Mattison, Kristen Rivera, Janita Everhart, T Simpson, Katey Soellers, Treya Gough, Ashley Matrassi, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nick Arlain, Celina Bryan

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions

Homeless Alliance Executive Director Kexin Ma welcomes attendees and introduces first speaker Timothy McNeil

2. Timothy McNeil of WNYICC will Discuss 1115 Waiver

https://www.wnyicc.org/

-The state of NY got approval to set up 9 social care networks. WNYICC is the social care network for WNY. This is a medicaid program

-WNYICC is responsible for screening up to 400,000 medicaid beneficiaries in the region.

-WNYICC will partner with a broad range of community orgs and healthcare providers to serve the up to 400,000 medicaid beneficiaries.

-First is the screening process, then identifying needs, and determining eligibility based on criteria.

-Once eligibility is determined, an individual will be paired with a navigator to address all of clients needs, and see about eligibility for enhanced services.

-Level 1 navigation for clients who do not qualify for enhanced services, this is more limited and includes mostly linking/presenting resources to clients

-Level 2 includes enhanced services which go beyond level 1 and can include housing supports below:

Housing Services:

-Pre tenancy services

Housing Supports

-rent for up to 6 months

-Community Transition Support

-Utilities activation and back payments

Housing accessibility and safety

-ramps, handrails, humidifier, door widening

Remedies

-mold abatement

-Pest remediation

See the slide in the ppt below to figure out how to become a service provider/delivery partner

Process to become a Service Provider/ Delivery Partner with Integrated Care Social Care Network

1 Complete CBO Readiness Assessment

Email Contact@wnyicc.org

- List the Services you want to provide
- Request upfront funding if needed to build capacity to deliver services.

2 Integrated Care will review your Readiness Assessment and schedule individual meeting to review with you

3 Integrated Care will send you a contract for execution

4 Integrated Care will onboard, training and orient you to the services, requirements, and platform for documenting services

5 You will begin delivering services. Integrated Care will be your technical support partner.

3. HAWNY Board Update from Ken Gholston

On Behalf of the HAWNY Board of Directors, I'm writing to provide an update on our upcoming annual membership meeting on January 15th. In the past, this meeting has included a vote on new Board members. This year, however, we are pausing that vote as we focus on finalizing our strategic plan to guide HAWNY's future.

This planning process, which many of you contributed to through interviews and focus groups with our consultants, is nearly complete. While we're not quite ready to share the details, we want to assure you that we're working diligently to finalize exciting plans that align with your input.

We deeply value your engagement and commitment to our mission. Rest assured, we will share updates and provide opportunities for further involvement as we move forward. Thank you again for being an integral part of our work. We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Below is the membership registration form and other details on our website

https://wnyhomeless.org/about-us/membership-support/member-registration-form/

4. Mark Mancuso from Compass House will Discuss Youth Services

Mark Mancuso discusses Compass house **Youth Emergency Shelter** with accompanying case management on 370 Linwood Ave in Buffalo.

The goal is to help the youth residents to develop a plan to help avoid homelessness. Residents may be running away from home or having other conflicts that make it difficult to live at home. Many residents come back to the shelter for support.

Find more information on their website under "emergency shelter"

https://www.compasshouse.org/emergency-shelter

Compass House has a RRH program for young adults (18-24)

-Includes Taking clients through Coordinated Entry

-First goal is to house clients within 30 days

-Then follow up with intensive case management

-When clients are in the program, they are linked to services, healthcare, transportation, employment, and advocate for clients that need SSI.

-Goal is to make sure clients have all the things they need to become successful individuals.

-Once they leave RRH, they can continue to link through the resource center

Compass House Transitional Houses

-Transitional House is designed to help clients go from living on the from street to finding an apartment

-Compass House has two Transitional houses, one for males and one for females.

-No rent charge

-Average stay is 9 months, can stay up to 2 years

-Provide food and life skills

Compass house has a drop in center

-Drop in center (1451 Main st Buffalo): Open M-F during the evening 5-10pm, clients come to socialize hang out, cook meals, do laundry etc.

5. Community Announcements

Pit Count Reminder: CoC program manager Ashley Matrassi discusses the upcoming Pit Count on January 29th and 30th

-Please attend the Safety training if you have not already done so

-Your lead volunteer will reach out with information regarding your route

Evergreen (Stefanie Meija): Walk in Wound Clinic (see flyer below)

6. Adjournment

Homeless Alliance Executive Director Kexin Ma thanks attendees for joining the meeting.

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- abscess
- wound
- skin infection

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9am—5pm

Thursdays
9am—12pm

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