HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, May 21st, 2025
Time: 3:03 PM -3:38 PM
Location: In person
Attendance: (63) Kexin Ma, Dan Gordon, Evan Coyle, Tracy Schmidt, Ashley Matrassi, Caitlin Bauer, Carolyn Brunelle, Christine Slocum, Clare Corbett, Cornelius Delaney, Dan Stegman, Daniella Gallego, D Hill, Edwina, Gigi Grizanti, Haley Diagostino, Jamie Dolan, Jennifer Arroyo, John Banas, Josiah Lyon, Joshua Ziccarelli, Kaitlin Price, Kashmir Bowser, Katey Soellers, Katrina Cropo, Kelly DeMatteo, Kristian Allen, Kristen Rivera, Kristen Tanner, Larissa Bachman, Luanne Firestone, Maria Becht, Martha Limage, Michael Devine, Meg Honan, Mia Clark, Mark Mancuso, Morgan Hoffman, Natalia Lopuchowycz, Natalie Worthington, Nick Arlain, Nicole LaLonde, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Pam Quigley, Patrick Wigmore, Peggy Nowakowski, Rebecca Batt, Renee, Robyn Krueger, Rochelle Matthews, Sara Carlson, Sara Gartland, Sara Mahler, Sasha Rodgers, Shannon Stachowski, Solomon Joseph, Stephanie Vroman-Goodrich, Thanh Nguyen, Tom Grinnell, Treya Gough, Will Marcy, Yulissa Pena, Corine

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions

Homeless Alliance Executive Director Kexin Ma welcomes attendees and introduces

2.) CoC Governance Input Sessions Announcement

Patrick Wigmore HUD Technical Assistant discusses the process of evaluating CoC governance through Input Sessions

The Sessions are set up to get community input to inform CoC Governance policy and By Laws

The sessions will be an opportunity for everyone to make their ideas heard

There will be five sessions to give ample opportunity for community members to attend.

We will be sending out an email with times and dates very soon

We hope to see a representative from each organizations/Agency

3.) HAWNY Senior Program Manager Tracy Schmidt Discusses Federal Funding Advocacy

We would like to give everyone an update on funding and advocacy

There are two major HUD Grant programs including ESG and CoC programming

ESG Funds: Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, RRH, Homeless Prevention Funding

CoC Funds: Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing, Coordinated Entry Lead, HMIS Lead, CoC Lead Agency, Permanent Supportive Housing

The President released a "Skinny Budget" that would consolidate CoC Funding under ESG funding and would also completely eliminate CoC funded programming

This would include Permanent Supportive Housing, Which would eliminate housing for many of the most vulnerable people in our community.

We need your help to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

Following the President's Proposal, the House and Senate will deliberate. During this time, changes to the proposal are made

Over the next four weeks we will be sending you action items to help advocate for this funding. Participation is voluntary, but Volume matters!

Information will include: 1.) Which Congressional Reps to contact 2.) A copy and Paste message to send via email or phone. 3.) Keep an eye on our social media for more updates!

4.) Homeless Alliance HMIS Director Nate Pyzikiewicz Presents Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count Data

The annual Point-in-Time data collection takes time to count, consolidate and report data. I will be summarizing some of our findings from the data.

We will also be summarizing the Housing Inventory Count Data

As a reminder: the Pit Count is a snapshot of how many people are experiencing (sheltered and unsheltered) homelessness on a single night in January.

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time bed and unit inventory count of projects within a CoC that are dedicated to individuals experiencing homelessness.

The PIT and HIC are reporting on the following data points:

1.) Overall numbers of sheltered and unsheltered clients
2.) Household Composition: Adult, Adult and Children, Children only
3.) Subpopulations: Chronic Homelessness, Veterans, DV, etc
4.) Bed Inventories: Number of bed and units available in each project
5.) Methodologies: How we plan and conduct the HIC and PIT count

Findings:

This year we saw a 14% increase in people experiencing homelessness

There was a 219 person increase in the last year.

We saw a large increase in adult with children households (Family)

We are seeing more families become homeless

Inventories: since 2022 we have seen a large increase in Hotel/Motel beds

Housing projects RRH and PSH have relatively static capacity, resulting in a bottleneck of clients waiting for housing.

Takeaways: There is a need to increase non DSS shelters, specifically family shelters

Affordable Housing is more important than ever

Street Outreach projects continue to be vital in connecting community to services

5. Community Announcements

HAWNY has announced 2 upcoming Training opportunities

Intentional Crisis Response Training: July 16th, 2025 10am-1pm (Flyer available below meeting minutes)

Motivational Interviewing Training Workshop (in person) August 7th and 8th 9am-4pm at the Homeless Alliance office space (625 Delaware Ave suite 410)

(Flyer available below meeting minutes)

Homeless Alliance Presents "Industry Night" Happy Hour at 500 Pearl Street Open to the Public, door prizes for attendees, pizza included with entry (Flyer available below meeting minutes)

This year is the Homeless Alliance's 20 year anniversary

At this year's luncheon we plan on honoring people have provided 20 years of service in the homeless sector

Use the link below to nominate someone

Nomination link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0mLpBz_iUmIGwzAyBkT7kACpgxsJxIIuf C3H4XM5UWvb-bA/viewform

Parking Lot Party Hosted by Independent Living of the Genesee region

Sunday, August 10th 10am-4pm 319 West Main St. Batavia NY 14020 (Flyer attached below meeting minutes)

Independent Living announced a Youth Room Drop in Center for individuals between the ages of 18-24. Thursday between 3-6pm. A space for youth to relax, play games, and make art with a youth specialist. 319 West Main St. Batavia NY

6. Adjournment