Committee/workgroup/meetings Information Sheet

The purpose of this information sheet is to inform CoC members how members could get involved. It includes Committees/workgroups/regular meetings that are currently active.

Below document indicated vacant seats for some of the committees, if you would like to join, please email Evan (Coyle@wnyhomeless.org) . If you think you should be included in one of the groups but you have not received any email regarding the meeting, or if you are new to the position, please contact Evan and let him know which meeting you would like to get notification for.

Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee

- Oversees the coordinated entry system and written standards.
- Reviews appeals and unresolved grievances.
- Evaluates performance and ensures continuous improvement.
- Recommends policy changes related to CE to the Board.
- Educates the community about coordinated entry processes.
- Meet at least quarterly.

Currently looking for 1 consumer/consumer advocate

CE Transfer Committee

- Review and approve transfer cases
- Meet every 3rd Thur of the month

By-name Meeting

- Discuss housing/outreach options for who are experiencing homelessness within each region or population group

Veteran by name meeting

Erie by name meeting

Niagara by name meeting

Erie youth by name meeting

Niagara Youth by name meeting

GOW by name meeting

Any organizations who are in the HMIS sharing agreement who work each region or population group

HMIS Advisory Committee

- Reviews and advises on key aspects and use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Provides input on Federal, State, and Local compliance requirements.
- Reviews and shares realistic data quality expectations for HMIS providers.
- Provide feedback on custom fields or local configuration issues.
- Reviews and updates HMIS policies every two years.

Currently looking for new members and recruiting members from the HMIS Userbase

Youth Taskforce

- Addresses the needs of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness
- Develops equitable and trauma-informed strategies.
- Works collaboratively to prevent and end youth homelessness in the CoC.

Open to anyone to attend

Youth Action Board (YAB)

The Youth Action Board (YAB) is composed of youth and young adults, typically ages 18–24, with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability. The YAB advises the CoC on issues, programs, and policies that affect young people experiencing homelessness. Its members serve as thought partners in developing strategies that are trauma-informed, youth-led, and developmentally appropriate. The YAB works in partnership with other committees and providers to ensure youth voices shape system planning and improvement efforts.

Open to young adult under 25 years old to join

Older Adult Taskforce

- Addresses the needs of older adults experiencing homelessness
- Develop solutions to prevent and end older adult homelessness in the CoC

Housing Roundtable Meetings

The Housing Roundtable meetings support system coordination and best practices among housing providers within the CoC. These meetings are divided into subgroups based on project type—such as Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing—to ensure meaningful peer discussion and practical guidance. We plan to also host shelter related meetings in the future. Each subgroup meets regularly to discuss challenges, share strategies, and collaborate on improvements to service delivery and participant outcomes.

Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming (GOW) meeting

- Address homelessness within the GOW area
- Share resources, funding opportunities and strengthen partnerships among service providers, government entities and other stakeholders
- Provide collaboration opportunities to identify gaps and develop strategies to better serve people who are in need within the GOW area.
- Bimonthly on the third Thursday, both in person and zoom

Point-in-Time (PIT) Committee

The Point-in-Time Committee is responsible for planning, organizing, and executing the annual HUD-mandated Point-in-Time Count. This includes volunteer recruitment, training, mapping strategies, data collection tools, and day-of logistics. The committee ensures the count meets HUD standards and reflects the local context.

Selection & Performance Committee

- Reviews and scores CoC project applications annually.
- Recommends funding priorities and reallocation strategies.
- Must include at least 7 members, with representation across sectors and subpopulations.
- Cannot include representatives of currently funded CoC projects.
- Members must have no conflict of interest with any applicant.
- Lived experience representation is required; members must recuse from discussion of programs they are connected to.
- CoC Lead staff may attend but do not score applications.