**HAWNY Member Meeting**

February 21st, 2018

3pm

Meeting started: 3:05

**Introductions**

**HAWNY Membership Drive – Call for Support**

*Please support us with your membership! Your contribution goes a long was in helping the Homeless Alliance perform its role in the community!*

**CoC Performance Measurements – going over the most recent report**

* As an agency, make sure you are checking the performance reports to see how you are doing and if there are any errors. It will help your agency to better prepare for the CoC grant application.
* Kexin has been working with the committee to improve the scoring process and performance measurements for each agency applying for CoC funding.
* HAWNY will be meeting with DSS to discuss data sharing.
* This grant app may be more competitive this year

**Home Stability Support Initiative**

* Initiative to raise the DSS shelter allowance to 85 percent of the fair market rent – should be voted on by April 1st
* 40 Billion dollar increase over the next 5 years
* HAWNY is supporting this initiative and encouraging all agencies to reach out to our state senators to get this initiative passed
  + We are looking to reach out to Senators Patrick Gallivan, Chris Jacobs, Michael Ranzenhofer, Robert Ortt, and Tim Kennedy.
  + http:/www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator
  + Individuals can call, email, tweet, or Facebook personalized messages to their senator

**Community Announcements**

* Empire Justice Center
  + Able Bodied Adults With Disabilities

-If you see people who have been rejected for food stamps who may still need them because they do have a disability, refer them to Empire Justice Center

-Second emergency HEAP benefit offered this year – As of Feb. 12th it is available

-Encourage clients to apply

* Drive for Hurricane Puerto Rico survivors

-Housed 40 families in the last few months in Buffalo

-In need of household supplies and furniture for families

-Donations can be made to Catholic Charities:

-1122 Broadway Ave

-525 Washington St

- Call 716-343-0905, as for Neil to help move your larger items

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:30**

**Next meeting:**

March 21, 2018 at 3pm at the Salvation Army Building, 960 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.