

1. Introductions

- HAWNY staff is currently working from home until further notice. NYS Pause is requiring non-essential workers to be home until at least May 15th at this point.

2. CoC and YHDP updates

- HUD is providing relief to homelessness services through the CARES Act
- ESG, HOPWA, CoC, CDBG programs are eligible to receive money and waivers to fight the pandemic - the City is in the process of planning
- Contact the local HUD office for information and to request a waiver (William.T.OConnell@hud.gov)
 - Providers can request funds and must amend their grants according to local HUD guidance
- YHDP - the Coordinated Community Plan has been approved, and we are just waiting on a formal letter from HUD. The RFP is open and we are accepting applications until **May 8th**. Thanks again to everyone, providers, community members, and our Youth Action Board, for their contributions to this project.

3. Open discussion - how is your agency managing through COVID-19?

- Providers had updates on changes in service provision - things may change as the pandemic shifts and instruction from NYS shifts.
- Some local updates (Neighborhood Legal Services, 211, Providers):
 - DSS has been asking individuals to not report to their offices, but rather to call. DSS is providing flexibility for clients placed in shelter in acquiring necessary documentation.
 - DSS has extended the deadline for recertification of benefits for several weeks and will not sanction individuals if the individual missed their DSS appointment due to the COVID lockdown.
 - Code Blue transitioned to Code Blue 19 and opened up a new temporary shelter at the Flickinger Center downtown (21 Oak Street - ECC campus) to support those experiencing homelessness who need a safe place to stay to avoid exposure to Covid 19.
 - VIs and SPOAs are being completed
 - Harbor House Resource Center has temporarily moved to the Flickinger Center (21 Oak Street)
 - Compass House Resource Center is closed temporarily (youth can call the 24/hr hotline anytime for assistance and to access Coordinated Entry).
 - Best Self and Matt Urban Outreach are doing street outreach Tuesday nights. Otherwise, Outreach teams are working remotely and maintaining contact with clients via telephone. Extensive

HAWNY Member Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2020

3pm - Virtual GotoMeeting

outreach prior to working remotely was conducted to ensure any street homeless individuals were aware of the Code Blue and Covid 19 locations and how to access.

4. Adjournment