

## Introductions

Guest Speaker: Nnenna Ferguson and Oliver Glover, [UB EOC](#)

- Serving adult population in Buffalo
- Help people get a HS diploma, certification, or prepare to move on to higher education
- Everything is free
- Also help English language learners, refugees and immigrants, all levels
- Can help parents understand their children's schoolwork, GEDs (high school equivalency), customer service and soft skills training, computer training, industry certifications (dental assisting, medical assisting, techs, medical coding, etc.), financial literacy classes, or improve college readiness (3 week quick start program)
- Must be NYS residents (1 year) and have NY ID card (either license or benefit card, or other ID)
- Academic and economic requirements (except for computer classes): income guidelines (family size and annual income, need budget letter or tax return, or other documentation), many require a diploma or you can work with EOC to get diploma
- Also offer job fairs, virtual career library, job search help, workshops, job referrals, resume help, career tours
- Can download income guidelines from the EOC website
- Office of College Advancement:
  - Anyone interested in college or advanced training like BOCES (post High School)
  - Provide academic advisement, college admissions help, financial aid applications, ESOL credential referrals, defaulted loan assistance, college tours, workshops
  - Community and walk-in services, ongoing support
  - National Work Readiness Certification

CoC and HAWNY report, Dale Zuchlewski

- CoC scoring and debrief
  - We scored 172/200
  - CoCs that did well: reallocated lower performing projects, TH and SSO; used performance criteria to rate and rank projects; Housing First; reduced homelessness in communities; increased PSH and RRH
  - Reallocation projects helped us get bonus projects, HUD expects us to continue to reallocate and to push programs to perform better
  - It seems as though RRH will not go away, and emphasizing systems approaches
  - Moving forward: will continue to monitor performance , work to reduce homelessness, reduce barriers to getting housing, targeting resources to the highest needs
- HUD webinar: new administration is impressed with performance of homeless system in general and this area, the data we put into HMIS is valuable, demonstrating our efficiency

- Advocacy will be very important--call, have your clients call and write, can't let our guard down
- Will be receiving TA to apply for grants to fund a SOAR position, will be sending out RFP for agency that will partner with us--goal of getting more clients on SSI/SSD
  - Applicants should have some experience with the SOAR system, coordinated entry, want to reach the hardest to serve clients, also need to find sustainable funding sources
- Alicia and Christine will be presenting at the NHSDC conference in April
- Working on two research projects with UB, one on human trafficking and one on LGBTQ youth
- Point in Time: Christine is finalizing numbers, still waiting on a few agencies--please send in!

#### Community Announcements

- Niagara Falls Poverty Conference: March 3rd
- Tentative Erie Poverty Research Workshop on April 2nd
- HAWNY membership drive letters are going out
- WNY Coalition will be doing a membership drive soon

Adjournment at 3:49pm