

Homeless Alliance Meeting
April 15, 2015

Introductions

Called to order at 3:07PM

Ida Parker is speaking about programs to aid students get their graduation rates higher

- One of the reason they are not graduating is social deterrence, the logistics of making life work
- Homelessness is a problem for some students – not having a place to stay leads to kids falling asleep in class, etc
- She is seeking partners to help students who are struggling with other life circumstances
- “Assortment of free services” and you don’t have to be an ECCC student
- Contact us for contact information
- PPAF is targeted to 18-25 year olds due to funding source
- PPAF’s daycare subsidy is for male or female parents, or pregnant persons.

Dale thanked everyone for coming out to the golf tournament

HMIS/CoC Updates

- We merged with Orleans County, and Orleans had merged with Genesee and Wyoming Counties. There is a meeting next week in Albion (county seat of Orleans County)
 - Happened quickly as we were told by HUD there would be an incentive given for mergers in this year’s competition
 - What will this incentive be? Staff guesses:
 - Kexin: Points
 - Dale: Money
 - Flattered as former HAWNY staff person Connie Sanderson recommended to the Orleans CoC that they should merge with us. Thanks Connie!
 - This will allow us to get some RRH programs and maybe even PSH in Orleans, Wyoming, Genesee counties
 - We are hiring a CoC assistant to work exclusively with coordination of services in rural areas. Formal announcement soon
- Our CoC organized a meeting of all CoCs in New York State. Will be happening next week in Syracuse from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.
 - Goal is a discussion of what has worked and what has been a challenge in the CoC applicant competition, in order to maximize the amount of money brought into New York State to fight homelessness
 - Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie and Niagara CoC and the New York City CoC have been among the highest scorers
- Will be hiring for a part-time research assistant to partially fill in for our research analyst who is taking a leave of absence from mid-May to mid-August. She might be here at the next HAWNY meeting – we’ll see!
- Thank you for your advocacy efforts! The National Alliance to End Homelessness said that we were the top community for contacting our legislators. It makes a difference! Especially since now Senator Chuck Schumer is the head of the Senate.
- Also, thank you for contacting the media. We’ve had such thoughtful coverage since. Thanks to the media for its diligence!

- The Coordinated Entry accountability meeting is next week on Monday. Contact us for details
- The Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinated Entry committee meeting is Friday at 2:30PM at HAWNY. Room TBA based on RSVPs

Community Announcements

- Hip Hop for Homelessness (Western New York Coalition for the Homeless) this Sunday at Duke Bohemian Grove
 - 235 Allen Street
 - \$10 admission
 - Opportunity to donate, buy a CD
 - Proceeds benefit the Coalition's efforts to fund a homeless outreach training the police and other outreach efforts
- Project Homeless Connect planning meetings
 - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
 - Beginning on April 28, 8:30-9:30AM at Matt Urban Hope Center
- TRY's executive director retired (well, retired as much as a Sister generally does: she's becoming a social worker for the organization) and so they are seeking another one.