HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
Time: 3:05 PM - 3:55 PM  
Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

1. Introductions

2. Guest Speaker: Dan Hanssel, Belmont Housing Resources  
   - Consequences of Current Laws and Statutes  
     - Review of 2019 NYS HSTPA Law  
   - Low Supply/High Demand for Affordable Rentals  
     - Prices have continually increased, recent 10-15% increase  
   - How to Improve Client Chances of Renting Housing  
     - Discussed strategies and tactics to engage landlords and landlord selection criteria  
   - Landlord Perspective on COVID Moratorium  
     - Shared information from December 2020 Belmont Annual Landlord Survey  
   - Belmont Rental Listing System  
     - Available to all CoC Partner Agencies

3. YAB Presentation: Ariel Peters, HAWNY and Teneva Dennis (YAB)  
   - What is the YAB?  
     - The Youth Action Board (YAB) is a youth-led committee made of youth and young adults ages 15-24 with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability.  
   - YAB Accomplishments to Date  
     - Led development of Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness  
     - Led the development of new projects serving youth experiencing homelessness  
     - Provided consultation to agencies to develop their programs and staff hiring  
     - Hosted the Speak Out! End Youth Homelessness event  
     - Participated in the youth specific Point in Time county  
     - Participated in the Couch-a-thon  
     - Developed goals and strategies to sustain the YAB and advocate for social justice
4. CoC Updates
   ● Renewal Process
     ○ Agencies asked to submit project renewal applications
     ○ Project Selection Committee will review applications
   ● New Projects
     ○ HUD yet to release NOFA
     ○ Past NOFAs have funded PSH, RRH, and TH-RRH projects
     ○ Set up meeting with Dale and Kexin if interested in applying for a new project
   ● HAWNY partnering with Section 8 and BMHA referrals for units: email Kexin for details

5. Community Announcements
   ● Soldier On: beginning field work May 1, 2021; still continuing virtual work
   ● Discussion on coordination of vaccination efforts
     ○ HMIS has the ability to track vaccination data
     ○ Some vaccination efforts have taken place in the community
     ○ OMH and OTDA scheduling events, prioritizing those in congregate shelter
     ○ Community Missions shared experience and details from their Covid vaccine clinic
   ● Veteran One-stop Center of WNY: Veteran Cultural Competency Training on Friday, April 23 at 1:00 PM; contact Andrea Hurley at hurley@wnyhomeless.org for Zoom link

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM