



## **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](mailto:hurley@wnyhomeless.org) for Zoom link

#### **6. Adjournment**

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