



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 3:02 PM - 3:26 PM

Location: GoToMeeting Video Conference

Attendance (53): Ariel Peters, Alan Huntington, Alex Price, April Taplin, Bryon McKinney, Ken Gholston, Chris Gresart, Christine Slocum, Cornelys Delaney Restoration, Dana Ludwig, Dianee Livingston, Eric Weifel, Gigi Grizanti, Jamie Dolan, Jan Mansfield, Jarrett Steffen, Jeremy Garson, Jeessica Bryon, Jessica Wright, Jill Mattson, Kathleen Leonard, Katrinco Cropo, Kimberly Baughan, Kristin Rivera, Laura Gawel, Leah Brown, Major Hose Santiago, Margaret O'Brien, Marie Kaiser, Marnee Hales, Mary Hanson, Michelle Laraby, Nadia Pizarro, Nate P, Patricia Rejewski, Partick Gillick, Robert Goods, Rachel Straker, Reno Tabone, Rita Young, Shayla, Sukie Smith, Tabitha Williams, Thanh Nguyen, Trace Gillis, TSI SHP, Wendy Pantano, Will Marcy, Yvonne Banks, Kristen Brenon, Jacob Hoffman

1. Introductions

2. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)

- Niagara + GOW process
 - State PHA program
 - EHV eligibility: currently homeless individuals and families, individuals and families currently in or recently left RRH, those fleeing or attempting to flee DV, and at-risk of homelessness with income at or below 30% AMI
 - Agencies can contact Coordinated Entry leads in their respective regions to begin the application process
 - Case managers must assist applicants with State's eligibility packet and housing assistance; agency will receive reimbursement based on successful lease ups
- Buffalo + Erie process
 - Local PHA program (partnering with Belmont and RAC)
 - 631 applications received to date
 - 80 clients selected
 - 0 clients successfully housed
 - Discussed Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and family size data and reviewed charts

3. CoC Updates

- Shared Housing Institute 8 week training beginning on Thursday, October 21, 2021 and hosted every Thursday (except during Thanksgiving week)
 - Link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbQooQpOWmMB0HliRzKbzV6qQ0TBy_7nB8RZna3BOInXUtNA/viewform?usp=sf_link

- NOFO Updates
 - Partial reallocation of existing Coordinated Entry funds to support Niagara County Coordinated Entry
 - YHDP projects exempt from ranking this year
 - Final FY21 Scoring Ranking Results here:
https://wnyhomeless.org/app/uploads/FY21-Scoring_Ranking-Final-Results-2.pdf
- Recap of Agency Survey
 - Most requested item: training for front-line staff

4. Community Announcements

- Restoration Society, Inc. - Searching for MRT candidates, will send email to community with more information

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM