

November 18, 2015

HAWNY Meeting

960 Main Street, Salvation Army Community Room

Also accessible through go-to-meeting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/191301389>

NOTE: Livetweeted on Twitter at @HAWNY716

Introduction - Penny called meeting to order at 3:05

## CoC

- NOFA will be submitted tomorrow (Nov. 19th) and the Collaborative application and priority listing was posted online yesterday (Nov. 17th)
- Asking the Project Selection Committee to rank projects was like asking to rank children
- HUD never comes out and says don't rank something, but it prioritizes types of projects via point allocations
- Dale asked CoC to keep in mind that the CoC NOFA application is a national competition. Tier 2 project compete within the nation based upon score
- Dale is going through the application now, posted here <http://wnyhomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/CoC-Collaborative-Application.pdf>
  - Weak points
    - Employment outcomes
    - Not all housing authorities having homeless preference. We will continue strengthen our partnership with PHA, Healthcare providers and other housing partners.
    - having folks trained in SOAR - HUD wants 75% of agencies with someone trained in SOAR (our goal for the next year)
  - Strong points
    - Integration of five county DSSes (THANK YOU ERIE, NIAGARA, WYOMING, ORLEANS, AND GENESEE COUNTIES!)
    - Mainstream benefits and health care coverage
    - Reallocation from the past 2 years.
  - Dale notes the character limit - 1000 for most questions
  - Highlights
    - Description of coordinated entry, PIT, monitoring, HMIS governance, data quality, AHAR, how you reduce homelessness, exits to permanent housing,
    - Being a Medicaid Expansion state and a Right to Shelter state help us serve clients and score higher (we hope) on this application
- HUD's focus after chronic and veteran's homelessness are families and children
- Started asking about human trafficking issues for the first time
- Dale now going through the priority ranking list. <http://wnyhomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/Priority-listing.pdf>
- Dale notes the size of Tier 2 - 15% of ARD, made the project selection difficult

- HAWNY voluntarily reduced its HMIS grant \$19,000 so funding could be reallocated towards Coordinated Entry
  - Q from Kathleen Heim about how money is spread around the five counties
    - Pro rata need was discussed, the MOU we have when we merge, but the fact that other county's projects also subject to performance and prioritizations
- A: We will discuss this in the coming year to prepare for next year's application.
- Q how many PHA in the five counties? Answer: 10
  - Recruitment for the Project Selection Committee
    - Want more members
    - We'll have quarterly assessment reports and hopefully that will be more helpful

Board Elections in January - contact Dale with a resume

Luncheon 12/11/2015

- Still taking nominations for awards, expect to announce next week
- please advertise in our program

Please contact congress -

<http://wnyhomeless.org/please-contact-your-congressional-representatives/>

Community Announcement

- Dears and Beers 12/5 \$20 for Matt Urban Hope Center
- Harvest for Hope, 11/19/2015 \$40
- December 22, 2015 Matt Urban Hope Center Holiday Extravaganza