

October HAWNY Meeting Notes

Introductions

Neighborhood Health Center

- Branding change
- Federally qualified health center
- 71% of their board are community members or patients (higher than 51% minimum)
- Offer medical, dental, and behavioral health
- Community Health workers to assist staff with overall health system and to work with the social determinants of health
- 3 locations
 - NW Community Health Center
 - Mattina, in the old Kalieda building
 - OB-GYN office in Hamburg
- Healthcare for the Homeless Grantee – only one in the city of Buffalo
 - Trauma-informed, patient recovery-focused care
 - Primary and preventative care
- Clients needing chemical addiction services are referred to Horizons
- Take all insurances
- Sliding Fee for uninsured/high deductible (including for dental!)
- Starting a collaborative family planning services

WIVB

(Thank you for sending your letters and notes – they did a follow-up story.)

- Discussed October 21 story about homeless
- Dale gave station manager email – most providers had already contacted them, we all received the same canned response

CoC Update

- Thanks for being understanding of the process
- Thanks for being understanding of the cuts
 - Some agencies voluntarily changed their programs to better meet the criteria of this grant – Thank you!

Presentation about VI-SPDAT and Vulnerability Index

- Please review these tools on the HAWNY website. Recommended by the committee for use in coordinated entry after reviewing many tools
- VI-SPDAT for families, and vulnerability index for singles because we are finding that Buffalo's chronic homeless population may have less institutional interactions (and thus an artificially lower score) than research suggests in the national average.

HAWNY Luncheon is December 10th at the Pearl Street Bar and Grill

- We do awards! Please see the HAWNY website for the nomination form
- Don't be shy about nominations!
- If you have a particular accomplishment that doesn't quite fit the categories, let us know
- Tickets will be available in November

Family Promise

- Open House November 14 @ 5:00PM
- See their new resource center at 149 French Road in Cheektowaga

211 Holiday Partnership

- Call 211 for more information

Comment that Project Homeless Connect was “absolutely amazing.”

Hope Center 5 Year anniversary Party

- \$20 at Pearl Street Bar and Grill (see their website)
- Trunk or Treat (see calendar, October 30)