



GOW CoC Meeting
Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, 10 AM
Independent Living in Genesee County
113 Main Street, Suite 5, Batavia, NY 14020

GOW Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Rae Frank (ILGR), Richard Bennett (Genesee County DSS), Andrew Dearing (HAWNY), Cheryl Thompson (Visions Pathstone), Jennifer Siano (ILGR), Dave Rumsey (Wyoming County DSS), Diana Fox (Orleans County Mental Health), Robin Arnold-Scott (ILGR), Karen Anderson (VA- Homeless Program), Debra McKnight (ILGR), David Dodge (ILGR), Nora Sheen (Orleans MH)

1.) Welcome & Introductions

Welcome back from the Summer Break from CoC activities.

2.) CoC Announcements

- a. Annual Numbers DSS (10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016)
Much like last year we will be reaching out for data from hotel/motel stays and nights stays. This will help with annual number and AHAR report to congress.
- b. There are two seats open on the HAWNY board
Selection will be in January (inquiries please send a resume to our Executive Director email: dale@wnyhomeless.org)
There is currently no representation on the board for the GOW currently.
Commitment includes attending monthly meetings
- c. Belmont Housing Resources is looking for a Landlord Outreach Specialist
This position has the potential to greatly help landlord outreach when rapidly housing the homeless.
- d. DePaul Properties Update
Empire State announced funding for all three counties for Supportive Housing. This includes about 50 units each with a preference for clients. We established a MOU for data input and attendance to CoC meetings.
The Perry Depaul seems to be getting some opposition from the community.
- e. Overview of the CoC process
Andrew discusses how HAWNY completes the regional CoC application. There are the program application and the regional applications. Our application is over 100 pages long and has to prove connection from the regional homeless systems to over human service systems in the

3.) Youth Count UPDATE

- a. Collecting Surveys October 7th & 8th
 - i. Post night count approach October 6th in question
We have connections with the Youth Bureas, CAO, Hillside, Spectrum, Restore, Career Centers,
 1. Donna McKnight Suggested Tonia Wiechmann from the Parenting Network 716-332-4163
 2. David Rumsey suggests JobJorps. 585-798-7000
 3. David Dodge Suggests Youth Ministry, NorthGate and City Church
 4. Juvenile Adjustment Services – Carrie Orneal
 5. Discussion about GCASA
 6. David suggests the super intendents (Scott Wilson is the Orleans county super)
 7. Orleans County Medina Schools District (Cheryl)
 8. Batavia High School transitioning at-risk (Robin) Ms. Hawkins
 9. Job Court
 - ii. Criteria include
 1. 24 and under
 2. Living without a legal parent or guardian
 3. Living in shelter, on the streets, or couch surfing with friends or family.
 - iii. We will be sending out the digital copy, as well as the hard copy to
 - iv. Partners are highly encouraged to provide any numbers that would be relevant to the study



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4.) Rapid Re-Housing

- Rapid rehousing is the program that will reallocate funds. We are going to need confirmation with Pathstone about how this program is run but there was some indication on their application. The back of the agenda has written standards according to Erie County. It has a max of 24 months but should not exceed 6-12 months. Light touch approach. It is going to accommodate about 22 people (the same as pathstone currently).
- Cheryl says that Pathstone is reviewing other possibilities to use this property in conjunction with other programs in the area.
- If the property decides to become any kinds of affordable housing or SRO, then funds from the RRH project could be used. Best possible person to contact for more insights on the future of Visions would be Connie Sanderson.
- Pathstone Visions has said that the program will be ending in January. Cheryl has made all current clients know this.
- Permanent Housing is a real issue with mass closings. To cover the gray period when Visions closes, we are going to have to collaborate with other charitable organizations.
- Housing Coaches are needed to build skill to maintain permanent housing.
- Bed bug issue is also becoming a problem in Orleans County
- Medicaid redesign could be a potential for alternative housing opportunities
 - Tricia Williams and Theresa Bales are contacts for the FLPPS
- More funding opportunities have to know
- We can possibly work with our partners in Niagara County partners for a more immediate

5.) Coordinated Entry/ VI-SPDAT

- a. Andrew Went through the VI-SPDAT for Singles and the VI-SPDAT for families saying that all CoC funded programs are going to have to use this form as a method of referral. Clients will be chosen based on the score and geographic location.
- b. SPOA could potentially be a great partner in referrals.

6.) ILGR Medicaid Assistance Program

- a. David Dodge discussed his Medicaid assistance program along with Medicaid 101 classes the First Tuesday of Every Month 2pm-3pm call 585-815-8501 *415 for more information
- b. ILGR also has Anger Management Workshops
 - i. Free 12 week workshops with a cert of completion given at the end
 - ii. Tuesday's 2pm-3pm
 - iii. 10/11 to 12/27
 - iv. Contact James Strollo for more information
 1. 585-815-8501 *410
 2. jstrollo@wnyil.org

7.) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: October 25th, 2016 in ILGR 10am-11am