



HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Time: 3:03 PM - 3:34 PM

Location: Zoom Video Conference

Attendance (73): Adria Swain, Alissa Steele, Angela Furmanek, Ashley Matrassi, Bailey Norris, Bridget Lutz, CalvaryTabl, Carolyn Brunelle, Celina B, Chris Brown, Christin Estrada, Dan Gordon, Daniella Gallego, Darwin Rosales, Deanna Atkin, Donna Fitts, Donna Fitts, Ebony James, Elizabeth McClam, Esperanza Altamar, Gaya Amirthavasari, Gigi Grizanti, Haley Diagnostics, Helene McMahon, Jarrett LoCicero, Jarrett Steffen, Jean Bennet, Jeff Wilson, Jen, Jennifer Kaminsky, Jennifer Arroyo, Jill Mattson, Jody Tassone, John Banas, Joshua Zicarelli, Judy Martin, Kaitlyn Dickey, Karen Rybicki, Karina Treleaven, Kathy Leonard, Katrina Cropo, Kexin Ma, Kim Baughan, Kim Tolley, Kristin Tanner, Laura Pennington, Lisa Freeman, Marthe Limage, Megan Honan, Melanie Yohe, Melody Marchese, Morgan Ashton, Nadia Pizarro, Naïke Belizaire, Nate Pyzikiewicz, Nicole Juzdowski, Paul Gavin, Paul Martell, Peggy Nowaksi, Phone 1, Phone 2, Rae Frank, Reno Tabone, Robyn Kruger, Sara Carlson, Sara Gartland, Sara Pisa, Sasha Rodgers, Stacy Arlain, Stephanie Mejia, Thanh Nguyen, Tracy Schmidt, Yulissa Pena

1. Introductions

2. 2024 Point-In-Time Count Updates

Thank You to Volunteers

- HAWNY thanks everyone for their participation in the PIT, especially all of the over 100 volunteers who helped this year. HAWNY staff also encourages anyone that has any feedback on the process and any areas of improvement for future PIT counts, to please let any HAWNY staff know.

Data Completion Reminder

- Reminder to all HMIS providers to update their data from up until the night of the PIT, especially housing move in dates need to be correct. HAWNY staff needs anyone who has not confirmed their numbers to do so as soon as possible.

- It will take HAWNY a few months to compile all the data but from the initial numbers, HAWNY does not anticipate an increase in the unsheltered count but we anticipate a possible rise in chronic homeless numbers.

3. CoC Updates

2023 Funding Award Announcement

- Our CoC last year received 17 million dollars in funding and this year we increased that figure up to 19.3 million. Our CoC was also able to get two new projects, Children and Family Services coordinating DV services, and 20 PSH 20 beds for Cazenovia Recovery in Niagara and Erie County (10 for each county).
- There was an increase in CoC planning dollars for HAWNY as well from \$650k to 1.1 million.
- HAWNY is now required to have more in match dollars, and HAWNY is requesting any groups that provide training to the whole community please reach out to HAWNY to set up that training. HAWNY may ask community members who participate in specific committees to submit their time for match dollars.

2024 Local Application

- NOFO Data
 - HAWNY will be offering training on NOFO data that will give bonus points on the NOFO for renewal projects.
 - Renewal timeline will be beginning of April, with the release of the application and scoring criteria and preliminary data. The renewal application will be due around the beginning of May, with all renewal applications being reviewed before the middle of June.
 - New projects should start to talk to HAWNY as soon as possible to get the planning process started.
- Bonus Trainings to be offered in the future
 - Equal Access
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Housing First

4. HAWNY Updates

Strategic Planning Process

- The Homeless Alliance is conducting a strategic planning process for our organization, by hiring an outside strategic planning company to review the organization. HAWNY are encouraging community members to think about different areas that HAWNY are currently not addressing needs in the community and what positions HAWNY could hire for that would best support the community and close those gaps.

- Many community members will be asked to fill out a survey about HAWNY and some members may be asked to meet with the strategic planners in person to discuss the future of HAWNY.

5. Community Announcements

- Compass House coldest night of the year fundraiser on Friday night at 5pm in Delaware Park. See more details here: <https://cnoy.com/location/buffalo>
- Pinnacle announces that they will be having a debut event on April 11th for youth experiencing homelessness by hosting an open mic night at the Doris Jones Center. Local musicians, comedians, actors will give feedback to the youth participating. Any youth in youth services are free to sign up, with more details on Pinnacle's facebook page. *See more information at the bottom.*
- Pinnacle also announces they have two current office spaces available for any community members that might be interested. Pinnacle will cover all funds associated with the business.
- Independent Living of the Genesee Region announces their Lunch in the Dark event. *See the information at the bottom.*
- Harvest House has an African American Health Services event on Saturday February 24th from 12-4pm, sponsored by Highmark. The event will be held at the Johnnie B Wylie event center.
- Niagara Memorial announced the Annual Prevent Child Abuse Awareness event on April 30th at 430pm.
- United Way announces that they are working with multiple organizations about a HUD pilot program, similar to a cash transfer program. The program would be giving cash directly to individuals instead of using section 8 vouchers. This pilot program would be gauging the viability of this program in the community.
- Homeless Alliance is working with UB Health and Highmark to create some solutions for community members who are experiencing homelessness to receive health care services.
- Senator Sean Ryan will be at PPG on Friday to discuss his housing policy plan and wants to get community feedback.

6. Adjournment

LUNCH in the DARK

Independent Living Fundraiser

Thursday, April 25, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- Chicken Parmesan • Baked Ziti •
- Salad • Garlic Knots •

Participants will experience lunch in a darkened environment in order to better understand eating and socializing with vision loss. As a group, we will talk about the best practices for making events with food more accessible, as well as strategies for eating with vision loss.

50/50 and Basket Raffle

Location:

NYS School for the Blind Gymnasium
2A Richmond Ave., Batavia, NY 14020

Cost to attend: \$30/person

RSVP: Catherine DeMare 585-815-8501 x 400



2/6/2024



Shine A Spotlight TALENT SHOW

FOR YOUTH AGES 14-19

AT THE DORIS JONES RESOURCE CENTER
3001 9th St., Niagara Falls, NY

SHINE A LIGHT
ON RUNAWAY
AND HOMELESS
YOUTH AND
MAKE YOUR
VOICE HEARD!

THURSDAY
april
11 6PM-8PM



Scan the QR
code to
register your
act!

Contact Claire Curtis
at 716-957-2414 for
more information!

All participants
will receive
feedback and be
eligible for
prizes!

Hosted by Casey House and 3D Programs
There is no cost for participants and the event is FREE
to attend!

For immediate assistance with housing for youth, please call 716-285-7125