



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

47th New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

April 6, 2023
9:30am-11:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus
Toni Taylor, Cattaraugus
Liz Carpenter, Clinton
Stephanie Clarke (on behalf of Commissioner Christine Peters), Clinton
Crystal Narducci, Clinton
Amanda Anderson, Fulton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Pamela Gardinier, Herkimer
Debbie Smith (on behalf of Commissioner Tim Seymour), Herkimer
Theresa Cranker (on behalf of Commissioner Tom Lippie), Montgomery
Kelley Gilligan (on behalf of Mary Carpenter), Montgomery
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Ann Ellsworth, Putnam
Christy Houck, Schoharie
Steven Munford (on behalf of Commissioner Donna Becker), Schoharie
Deb Worden, Sullivan

Guests

Denise Brodt, CARES of NY
Kelli Clark, CARES of NY
Liam Nugent, CARES of NY
Erin Reale, CARES of NY
Angela Smith, Catholic Charities of Schoharie County
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo
Carmen Cortes, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY

Ex-Officio Members

Sonia Tate, OCFS
Linda Camoin, OTDA
Heather Diamond, OTDA
Arden Estep, OTDA
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

Previous Meeting Minutes

The March 2nd Steering Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Deb Worden and seconded by Ann Ellsworth. All attendees were in favor; none opposed.

Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)

CARES presented on the data accumulated from the 61 total responses to the Diversity Assessment Tool and reported the RRJAC's recommended goals for the CoC, which included updating language in the CoC's Governance Charter.

NOFO Awards

The NYS BoS CoC was awarded funding to address homelessness under HUD's Annual CoC NOFO. In total, \$1,562,356 was awarded for FY2022. Three new projects were funded: Sullivan County Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing Expansion, IPH Permanent Supportive Housing, and Putnam County Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing Program Expansion. All fourteen projects that applied were funded this year. More information on the award announcement can be found online at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/fy_2022_coc_competition.

Point-in-Time (PIT)

HUD requires all CoCs to conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of homeless individuals and families annually during the last ten days of January. The date of the NYS BoS CoC's count was January 30, with a service-based count in the seven days following. The PIT Count increased again this year from last year. It was noted that this increase could be due in part to communities learning how to better find and count people experiencing homelessness.

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is due to HUD at the end of April in conjunction with the PIT Count. The HIC serves as an inventory of housing providers within a CoC and includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) in addition to the program types included in the PIT Count. OTDA will contact providers to finalize HIC data.

Grant Opportunities

SAMSHA Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

SAMHSA's Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) program expands access to mental and substance use disorder treatment for people experiencing homelessness along with a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or co-occurring disorders. Action Toward Independence (ATI) is planning on applying for this grant. More information can be found online at <https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/tieh-program>.

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

Eligible nonprofit Veterans' organizations may apply for reimbursement for costs related to capital improvements designed to expand and enhance quality services available to veterans, service members and their families. More information can be found online at <https://veterans.ny.gov/>.

Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)

HHAP applications are not currently being accepted as some technical changes are being made to the Request for Proposal (RFP), but the updated RFP will be released in the coming weeks. More information can be found online at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/housing/hhap.asp>.

Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)

NYS ESSHI program provides service and operating funding for new units of permanent supportive housing across the state. Successful applicants receive a conditional award which lasts up to 2 years while a project finalizes the capital funding aspect. More information can be found online at <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2022/esshi/>.

Committee/Program Updates

Committee Membership

There are opportunities to participate in committees in the NYS BoS CoC. These committees are open to anyone who has interest across any of the eight counties served by the CoC. The committees include the Services Coordination Committee, Data Committee, Coordinated Entry Committee, Rank and Review Committee, Lived Experience Advisory Board, and possible emerging committees such as a Youth Committee.

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

CARES just participated in the National Human Services Data Consortium Conference and will be sharing new information and ideas with the CoC.

CARES continues to work on CoC Annual Reports, which is a summary of Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data. CARES will complete the Annual Report for the CoC as a whole and break down by county for upcoming Local Planning Body (LPB) meetings.

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) completed a letter regarding DSS sanctioning that was sent to OTDA management. This included a cover letter from people with lived experience of homelessness and/or substance abuse and experience with being sanctioned. This also included a solution based on what Domestic Violence shelters are doing.

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers

The Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative makes vouchers available to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs). The vouchers are intended for youth ages 18 to 24 who aged out of foster care or were formerly in foster care and at risk of homelessness. Referrals can begin immediately for all counties except Schoharie. Schoharie will be able to begin making referrals once their MOU has been signed.

Miscellaneous Updates

Herkimer County opened the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center in March.

The HUD Field Officer reminded CoC grant recipients to update their Unique Entity Identifiers (UEI) on sam.gov.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Cattaraugus – April 19
Clinton – April 17
Fulton/Montgomery – April 18
Herkimer – April 24
Putnam – April 26
Schoharie – April 10
Sullivan – April 25
Steering Committee – May 4th meeting in-person, 9am-2pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.