



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

61st New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

July 18, 2024
9:30am-11:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus
Commissioner Christine Peters, Clinton
Crystal Narducci, Clinton
Liz Carpenter, Clinton
Amanda Anderson, Fulton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Shauna Cone (on behalf of Maureen Petrie), Herkimer
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Ann Ellsworth, Putnam
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie
Meg Parsons, Schoharie
Deb Worden, Sullivan

Guests

Fern Hurley, CAPTAIN
Kelli Clark, CARES
Colleen Hayter, CARES
Stephanie Schermerhorn, CARES
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo
Victor Flores, ROME

Ex-Officio Members

Timothy Bethea, OTDA
Linda Camoin, OTDA
Heather Diamond, OTDA
Arden Estep, OTDA
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

June Meeting Minutes

The June 6th Steering Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ashley Brody and seconded by Ann Ellsworth. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Monitoring Updates

The annual CoC Monitoring has been completed. Follow up letters have been sent to all of the monitored agencies and scorecards have been finalized.

2024 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Updates

The annual NOFO has not been released, however the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) was released and was due at the beginning of July. The NOFO will be moving to a two-year cycle. Eight new or expansion applications were submitted and are currently being reviewed. The scoring of new applications is expected to be completed in the beginning of August.

National Conference on Ending Homelessness

BoS representatives attended the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington DC in July. The conference offers an opportunity for staff to network with and learn from other providers from across the country as well as representatives of other Balance of State (BoS) CoCs. A variety of sessions were offered daily on different aspects of homeless services provision along with unique and innovative solutions to challenges that providers routinely face.

Committee/Program Updates

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The LEAB has been developing a tenant's rights guide. The annual CoC NOFO letter of support will be finalized in August. The LEAB meeting has been moved from the first Monday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month starting August 7th. The committee is soliciting new membership.

Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)

The RRJAC continues to focus on administering and securing participation in the Diversity Assessment Tool and the Board Matrix that will be utilized to identify roles and skill sets that may not be represented. The annual RRJAC Summit will be held on October 22nd.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

The BoS will have a new HMIS liaison at CARES, who will be introduced at an upcoming meeting. CARES will begin working on Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) testing in preparation for the submissions in the fall. The NYS BoS CoC PIT report highlighting PIT trends by county has been completed and will be distributed in the coming weeks.

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

The CoC will be forming a SOAR workgroup, as many programs in the BoS CoC have or are hiring staff who will be SOAR trained. The New York State SOAR Technical Assistance liaison will be participating in these meetings. Information regarding SOAR and the SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) Program can be found at <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/about-the-model/oat-and-outcomes>.

New York Public Welfare Association (NYPWA) Summer Conference

OTDA presented two NYPWA sessions on low barrier shelters and the New York Statewide Homeless Assistance Datawarehouse Environment (NYSHADE). Representatives from districts all over the state attended the conference including members of the BoS CoC.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Cattaraugus

Cattaraugus County's next LPB meeting will be in September. The local CE and outcomes committees will continue to meet. Kinley Hill Shelter has increased their bed capacity by one and has plans to add two additional beds by the end of the year.

Herkimer

A cooling center has opened in Ilion. It is open daily from 12pm to 5pm. Efforts are being made to open two additional cooling centers in neighboring villages. Locations are being pursued at this time.

Montgomery

IPH's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Shelter project is going into preconstruction. IPH will be purchasing the building in 2024 and are projecting a closing date with HHAP in February 2025. This project will include 16 emergency shelter beds and six units of permanent supportive housing.

Putnam

Search for Change was recently awarded funding for 15 additional scattered site supportive housing units through an Office of Mental Health (OMH) procurement.

Schoharie

Schoharie County is continuing to work on a supportive and affordable housing project.

Sullivan

Sullivan County Department of Social Services met with HHAP staff, an architect and HONOR last week to discuss plans for a 20-bed project. Sullivan County is continuing to see high levels of homelessness which has remained consistently around 300 persons.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Cattaraugus – September 18

Clinton – August 15

Fulton – August 20

Herkimer – August 26

Montgomery – August 26

Putnam – August 28

Schoharie – August 12

Sullivan – August 27

Steering Committee – August 8

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Donna Becker and seconded by Adam Anderson. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.