



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

62nd New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

August 8, 2024
9:30am-11:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus
Gretchen Crowningshield (on behalf of Commissioner Christine Peters), Clinton
Toni Taylor, Cattaraugus
Crystal Narducci, Clinton
Liz Carpenter, Clinton
Amanda Anderson, Fulton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Kelley Gilligan (on behalf of Mary Carpenter), Montgomery
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Ann Ellsworth, Putnam
Stephen Munford (on behalf of Commissioner Donna Becker), Schoharie
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan
Deb Worden, Sullivan

Guests

Kelli Clark, CARES
Stephanie Schermerhorn, CARES
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo
Kaeli Baxter, ROME
Victor Flores, ROME

Ex-Officio Members

Sonia Tate, OCFS
Timothy Bethea, OTDA
Linda Camoin, OTDA
Heather Diamond, OTDA
Arden Estep, OTDA
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA
Jordan Orayfig, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

July Meeting Minutes

The July 18th Steering Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Randy Viele and seconded by Adam Anderson. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

2024 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The annual NOFO was released in the beginning of August. The funding available is approximately \$3.5 billion for the country. The NOFO application submission due date is October 30th. The NOFO identifies adopting a two-year cycle, meaning scoring will carry over to the following year.

Projects ranked in Tier 1 will receive 90% of current funding this year. The CoC Bonus is estimated to be approximately \$350,000 with the estimated DV Bonus being approximately \$440,000, but HUD has not released the definitive amounts yet.

Eleven renewal applications and eight new/expansion applications were received by the BoS. This includes three DV Rapid Rehousing (RRH) expansions in Clinton, Putnam and Sullivan Counties, three Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) expansions (covering six counties), a new PSH program in Putnam County, and a new RRH program in Herkimer County.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified building an effective workforce as a policy priority in the NOFO this year. HUD will also be applying cost of living adjustments to the supportive services and other staffing-focused budget lines for renewal applications. Areas classified as rural, which includes all counties except Herkimer and Putnam, will now be eligible to include repairs to units in which individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness will be housed and that are not currently fit for human habitation. A second eligible cost was added for staff training, professional development, skill development, and staffing retention activities.

CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The CoC Builds NOFO is a one-time funding opportunity designed to add new units of permanent supportive housing through new construction, acquisition or rehabilitation. The application submission due date is November 21st. Only one application can be submitted per CoC. The maximum the BoS CoC can apply for is \$5 million. The anticipated start date is October 1, 2025 and continues through October 1, 2030.

Committee/Program Updates

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The BoS LEAB is collaborating with Lived Experience Advisory Boards from other CoCs to discuss strategies and ideas for further developing and growing the LEAB and addressing any barriers. Additionally, 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, as well as any gaps that exist. Each participating CoC is developing an informational fact sheet about that CoC's composition, committees and other relevant information. The annual RRJAC Summit will be held on October 22nd.

CARES has requested that the BoS commit to purchase nine RRJAC Summit tickets per year for the next five years. The Steering Committee declined to prepay, preferring to be charged for tickets upon registration.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CARES will begin working on Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) testing in preparation for the submission in the fall. LSAs typically open in mid-October and close in January.

Data Committee

Data Analysis of the Diversity Assessment Tool is underway. Data has been aggregated on the CoC level but it still being processed on a county level. The Data Committee also discussed undertaking a monthly service-based PIT count to begin looking at trends of how individuals are moving through the system.

Efforts are underway to develop a targeted CoC performance profile modeled after HUD's CoC performance profile. Data from 2023 has been incorporated and 2024 data will be incorporated mid-2025. This report will be disseminated to the CoC.

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. A kickoff meeting date has not been set yet. 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>.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Clinton

Clinton County has identified and is pursuing a potential Warming Center location.

Fulton

The Family Counseling Center is hosting a DV Program Summit on August 21st in Johnstown. Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery DV program is currently not taking out of county referrals. The Fulton YMCA has 47 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units in Gloversville, with 20 beds currently filled. Upgrades are being made to empty rooms with plans to work on currently occupied units as well. The YMCA is planning to begin filling rooms five at a time in September, as repairs are complete.

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. A large encampment of about 30 individuals was identified in Herkimer. Local law

enforcement had to disperse the individuals and local providers are working to connect those individuals with services.

Montgomery

Preparations continue at the Warming Center for Code Blue season including making some improvements. IPH’s Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Shelter project is going into preconstruction. IPH will purchase the building later in 2024 and are projecting a construction 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. A Putnam County shelter is looking into expanding the scope of its program to include all homeless individuals instead of serving a specialized subpopulation.

Schoharie

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

Sullivan

Sullivan County collaborating agencies met with local leadership to discuss strategies and plan together regarding the rising homelessness in Sullivan County. Sullivan County is continuing to see high levels of homelessness which has remained consistently around 300 persons. Safe Options Support: Critical Time Intervention team has begun providing services and outreach to Sullivan County individuals.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- Cattaraugus – September 18
- Clinton – September 19
- Fulton – September 17
- Herkimer – September 23
- Montgomery – September 23
- Putnam – September 25
- Schoharie – September 9
- Sullivan – September 24
- Steering Committee (in person) – October 3
- OTDA Regional Meeting (NYC) – October 1
- OTDA Regional Meeting (Syracuse) – September 10

A motion to adjourn was made by Ashley Brody and seconded by Commissioner John Liddle. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.