



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

## 63<sup>rd</sup> New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

September 5, 2024  
9:30am-11:00am

### **Steering Committee Attendees**

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus  
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus  
Nicole Zink (on behalf of Commissioner Erin Whitcomb), Cattaraugus  
Commissioner Christine Peters, Clinton  
Crystal Narducci, Clinton  
Commissioner Anne Solar, Fulton  
Randy Viele, Fulton  
Shauna Cone (on behalf of Maureen Petrie), Herkimer  
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie  
Commissioner Matt Beck, Montgomery  
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery  
Mary Carpenter, Montgomery  
Ashley Brody, Putnam  
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan  
Deborah Worden, Sullivan  
Sarita Green, Sullivan

### **Guests**

Jennifer Schultz, Albany VA  
Jenn Braun, Alliance for Positive Health  
Fern Hurley, CAPTAIN  
Kelli Clark, CARES  
Gretchen Crowningshield, Clinton County DSS  
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS  
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC  
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo  
Victor Flores, ROME  
Steve Munford, Schoharie County DSS  
Colleen Haberzettl, Sullivan County DSS

### **Ex-Officio Members**

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**

#### ***August Meeting Minutes***

The August 8<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Janine Robitaille and seconded by Deborah Worden. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

#### **Data Requests**

Additional homeless data has been requested from the Balance of State CoC regarding housing placements hotels and motels relative to local homeless services. Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count data will be provided.

#### **FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO**

The committee reviewed updates to the 2024-2025 NOFO. Draft renewals are due in e-snaps by September 11<sup>th</sup>. New and expansion projects are due in e-snaps by September 20<sup>th</sup>. All project applications will be put forth on the Local Priority Listing. The CoC is eligible to apply for DV Bonus funding up to \$537,471 and up to \$429,977 in CoC Bonus funds.

#### **CoCBuils NOFO**

The CoCBuils NOFO, a capital development funding opportunity from HUD was discussed. CoCBuils funds will be awarded once with no opportunity for renewal. Supportive services funding will be renewable annually as part of the CoC funding competition. OTDA will be hosting a webinar on September 12<sup>th</sup> for all interested applicants.

#### **Committee/Program Updates**

##### ***Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)***

The LEAB shared updates from their meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The LEAB is working on an informational flyer to solicit new membership. A tenants' rights and responsibilities presentation are still in development.

##### ***Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)***

The RRJAC Summit will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Albany. The RRJAC continues to explore the role of persons with lived experience and how best to solicit involvement. The RRJAC continues to develop a diversity assessment tool to cultivate diverse participation within the CoC.

##### ***Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)***

CARES continues to work on data needed for the NOFO and preparing for upcoming Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) and System Performance reports.

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

The CoC's SOAR workgroup will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the workgroup should reach out to OTDA for more information.

## **HUD Vaccination Support**

HUD is offering support surrounding routine vaccinations such as RSV, COVID and flu for participants residing in shelters, hotels, and motels. The CoC expressed an interest in support. BoS provider agencies offered to host and transport those who may be living in unsheltered locations.

## **Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates**

### ***Cattaraugus***

A local taskforce is underway to provide further outreach efforts relevant to encampments.

### ***Clinton***

No new information was reported by representatives from Clinton County.

### ***Fulton***

IPH will not operate the Code Blue Warming Center this year. IPH continues to work towards assuming ownership of the YMCA. When fully operational, the YMCA will offer 47 SRO units.

### ***Montgomery***

IPH's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) co-located shelter and permanent supportive housing (PSH) project is anticipated to be under a preconstruction construction agreement (PCA) by the end of the year. IPH will be purchasing the building at PCA, and the project is targeting a construction closing date with HHAP for February 2025. This project will include 16 emergency shelter beds and six units of permanent supportive housing.

### ***Putnam***

Apartments in Brewster are being seized or lost through eminent domain and may potentially impact 30 Section 8 voucher holders. The counties already limited low-income housing stock will now be further reduced. CoveCare submitted a new project application for PSH through the CoC funding competition.

### ***Schoharie***

The purchase and sale agreement for the former public safety facility is in the final stages of negotiation. The Board of Supervisors made requests of the developer which are pending approval.

### ***Sullivan***

The homeless census continues to be higher than previous years. The DSS housing unit meets daily to prioritize those who present with complex service needs. A local developer has approached DSS with a potential site for a housing project. ATI is working with the Hudson Valley Task Force to support veterans experiencing homelessness. HONOR is also working with ATI to offer case management to families experiencing homelessness who are placed in hotels.

## **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

Cattaraugus – September 18

Clinton – September 19

Fulton – September 17

Herkimer – September 23

Montgomery – September 23

Putnam – September 13

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 Adam Anderson and seconded by Commissioner John Liddle. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04AM.