



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

64th New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

October 3, 2024
9:00am-2:00pm

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
Mary Carpenter, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Eileen Kelly (on behalf of Commissioner Sara Servadio), Putnam
Piaget Solpiaget, Putnam
Christy Houck, Schoharie
Steve Munford (on behalf of Commissioner Donna Becker), Schoharie
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan
Deborah Worden, Sullivan
Sarita Green, Sullivan

Guests

Noah Berliner, NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Temporary Assistance Bureau (TA)
Lauren Canetto, OTDA TA
Kelli Clark, CARES of NY
Sara Cohen, CoveCare
Gretchen Crowningshield, Clinton County DSS
Victor DeAmelia, NYS Division of Human Rights
Kelly Gilligan, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties
Tara Glynn, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY (LASNNY)
Fern Hurley, CAPTAIN
Karen Kist, HUD Buffalo
Marie Limbach, NYS OCFS Bureau of Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Support
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo
Angie Rogers, Recovery Options Made Easy (ROME)
Nadya Salcedo, NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Fair & Equitable Housing Office
Stephanie Schermerhorn, CARES of NY
Jennifer Schultz, Albany VA
Keri Springett-Delatour, HCR Fair & Equitable Housing Office
Zinaria Uba, OTDA TA

Ex-Officio Members

Timothy Bethea, OTDA
Linda Camoin, OTDA
Heather Diamond, OTDA
Arden Estep, OTDA
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA
Dana Greenberg, OTDA
Jordan Orayfig, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

September Meeting Minutes

The September 5th Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Deborah Worden and seconded by Randy Viele. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

New Steering Committee Representative

Piaget Solpiaget, Executive Director of the Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, was nominated to the Steering Committee. A motion to accept Piaget to the Steering Committee was made by Ashley Brody and seconded by Crystal Narducci. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

FY2024-25 NOFO and CoCBuils NOFO Updates

The CoC NOFO is due to HUD on October 30th. OTDA is finalizing the narrative portions of the consolidated application and will distribute to the Steering Committee the week of October 21st for review and approval. OTDA aims to post the CoC application and priority listing to the CoC's website by October 29th. The NYS BoS CoC received 11 renewal project applications and eight new project applications. The new project applications consist of three DV-RRH expansions, three PSH expansion, and two new projects in Herkimer and Putnam County.

The CoCBuils NOFO, a capital development funding opportunity from HUD, was further discussed. Potential applicants and developers within the CoC recently discussed this funding opportunity and it was determined that this funding may not be feasible for the CoC at this time.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CARES of NY is preparing for Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data cleanup and report submission.

Diversity Assessment Tool Results

The 2024 Diversity Assessment analysis was reviewed. The Diversity Assessment Tool aims to ensure that leadership within the BoS CoC is representative of the homeless population. Data was collected from April to June of 2024 and compared with 2023 survey data to assess progress. Data collected includes race, ethnicity, age, gender, disabling conditions, veteran status, languages spoken, and lived experience.

Rural SNOFO Rapid Rehousing Program Outcomes

Special NOFO (SNOFO) funding was made available by HUD in 2023 and provided \$486 million nationwide to address unsheltered and rural homelessness. The NYS BoS CoC was one of three CoCs in NYS to receive funding. The SNOFO awarded \$2.5 million over three years, with projects beginning in October 2023. The NYS BoS CoC has two RRH projects through Connection Communities in Action (CCA) and IPH. Program milestones and outcome data were shared, including participant success stories.

Title XX Funding – NYS OCFS and OTDA

NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Support and OTDA's Bureau of Temporary Assistance presented information on Title XX. Title XX allocations are given to all local social services districts for a variety of services under the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), including Adult Protective, Domestic Violence, and Child Welfare Services. Also discussed was the overlap between the DV system and the homeless services system. Service providers can reach out to OCFS or OTDA for technical assistance or with further questions.

Committee/Program Updates

Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)

The RRJAC Summit will be held on October 22nd in Albany. The RRJAC continues to explore the role of persons with lived experience in the homeless services system and how best to solicit involvement. The RRJAC continues to enhance the diversity assessment tool to cultivate diverse participation within the CoC.

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

The BoS CoC launched a SOAR workgroup in September. The workgroup aims to address challenges and identify best practices throughout the SOAR process. The workgroup will meet again on January 6, 2025.

Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP)

OTDA recently issued STEHP awards. BoS applicants were awarded over \$2 million for Rapid Rehousing, Shelter, Street Outreach and Prevention. The BoS CoC will facilitate a STEHP workgroup beginning on October 18th at 10AM.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Clinton County DSS signed a lease for their new warming center, which is expected to be operational for the 2024-2025 Code Blue season.

The Sullivan County warming center plans are underway. There is concern that there may be overflow this year, potentially requiring an additional warming center. A special Coordinated Entry (CE) meeting was held on October 2nd to discuss ATI's new STEHP funding and two Stability Vouchers.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) – NYS HCR

NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the NYS Division of Human Rights presented information on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Under the Fair Housing Act, recipients of federal funds are required to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH). Affirmatively furthering fair housing tasks recipients with taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination,

to work towards overcoming discrimination and fostering inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, which are: race, color, national origin religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, and disability.

A motion to adjourn was made by Crystal Narducci and seconded by Piaget Solpiaget. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.