



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

65th New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

October 29th, 2024
9:00am-10:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus
Nicole Zink (on behalf of Commissioner Erin Whitcomb), Cattaraugus
Gretchen Crowningshield (on behalf of Commissioner Christine Peters), Clinton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Shauna Cone (on behalf of Maureen Petrie), Herkimer
Commissioner Matt Beck, Montgomery
Kelley Gilligan (on behalf of Mary Carpenter), Montgomery
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Piaget Solpiaget, Putnam
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie
Christy Houck, Schoharie
Sarita Green, Sullivan
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan
Deborah Worden, Sullivan

Guests

Jenn Braun, Alliance for Positive Health
Kelli Clark, CARES
Sara Cohen, CoveCare
Carmen Cortes, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY)
Colleen Haberzettl, Sullivan County DSS
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Steve Munford, Schoharie County DSS
Mariel Roth, CoveCare
Stephanie Schermerhorn, CARES

Ex-Officio Members

Linda Camoin, OTDA
Heather Diamond, OTDA
Arden Estep, OTDA
Jordan Orayfig, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 3rd Steering Committee Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Randy Viele and seconded by Commissioner John Liddle. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO Submission

The FY 2024-2025 NOFO application was approved by the Steering Committee on October 24, 2024, and submitted to HUD on October 28th, 2024. The priority listing, method of ranking and the narrative responses were shared. The application consisted of 11 renewal projects and eight new project applications. Awards will be announced in late winter or early spring of 2025.

FY 2024-2025 Code Blue

OTDA recently released the 2024-2025 Code Blue allocations. CARES asked if there is a requirement for Code Blue placements to be entered into HMIS. This is a best practice, however it is not required. This decision would be made between each district and their respective CoC.

Committee/Program Updates

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The LEAB provided a letter of support for the NOFO application. Seven members of the LEAB signed the letter. The LEAB continues to work on a tenants' rights and responsibilities presentation, as well as a flyer to solicit participation.

Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)

The annual RRJAC Summit took place earlier this month. The RRJAC continues efforts to solicit new membership to further ensure diverse representation among stakeholders and leadership. The next RRJAC meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CARES shared that the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) report is opening November 4th. LSA, Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) Count efforts will be underway through April 2025. There are no technical changes from HUD for the upcoming PIT reporting year. The Steering Committee proposed January 22nd, 2025 as the date for the BoS CoC's PIT Count.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Cattaraugus

Code Blue is currently in effect. The Genesis House warming center is scheduled to open with 5 beds on November 1st and expanding to eight beds by mid-November. Several local providers are participating in a homeless task force in the City of Olean to address unsheltered homelessness. They are considering a November 2024 PIT Count and plan to use local data to combat some of the myths that circulate related to homelessness.

Clinton

ETC is working with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Champlain Valley to address unsheltered homelessness within the community. Several unsheltered homeless individuals have been located and providers are working to connect them with housing and supports.

Fulton

The Fulton County Coordinated Entry (CE) committee is working to best support efforts in accessing and referring to Single Point of Access (SPOA) beds. The BoS is in the final stages of drafting an MOU between the BoS CE system and SPOA to be implemented.

Herkimer

The warming center opened on October 1st and is averaging 10 people per night. The City of Little Falls recently issued a law banning camping in public spaces. Outreach workers are supporting known encampments to try and connect individuals with housing and supports.

Montgomery

The warming center is scheduled to open November 15th. A new care manager at Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties will assist in managing the DV-RRH program.

Putnam

Search For Change and CoveCare are partnering to administer Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP) funding for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Homelessness Prevention. A grant awarded through the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide an additional 15 scattered-site supportive housing units. Infrastructure development continues for the Social Care Network.

Schoharie

The Schoharie Board of Supervisors entered into a sales agreement to sell the old Public Safety Facility to Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS). RSS will provide supportive services, and the developer is starting to complete the necessary work to secure capital development. The warming center will be open November 1st. Local providers shared efforts of developing a new local multi-disciplinary committee that will address barriers to housing those acknowledged as the “hardest to house” within the county.

Sullivan

The Safe Options Support Critical Time Intervention (SOS CTI) team is very active within the county. The warming centers are scheduled to open on November 22nd. Sullivan DSS noted that hotels utilized for emergency shelter placements have seen more individuals with service and non-service animals. This has posed various issues that the county continues to monitor and mitigate.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Cattaraugus – November 20

Clinton – November 21

Fulton – November 19

Herkimer – November 25

Montgomery – November 25

Putnam – December 4

Schoharie – November 12

Sullivan – December 3

Steering Committee – December 5

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 10:02am.