



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

66th New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

December 5th, 2024
9:30am-11:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus
Liz Carpenter, Clinton
Gretchen Crowningshield (on behalf of Commissioner Christine Peters), Clinton
Crystal Narducci, Clinton
Commissioner Anne Solar, Fulton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Shauna Cone (on behalf of Maureen Petrie), Herkimer
Commissioner Matt Beck, Montgomery
Janine Robitaille, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, 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
Kelley Gilligan, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Fern Hurley, CAPTAIN
Sarah Martin, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS
Duane Miller, Helio Health
Steve Munford, Schoharie County DSS
Mary Ann Oliver, HUD Buffalo
Kathleen Paton, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties
Lisa Reginelli, Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN)
Jennifer Schultz, Albany VA

Ex-Officio Members

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

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

October Meeting Minutes

The October 29th Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Jodi Fuller and seconded by Ashley Brody. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

New Steering Committee Member

Allison Jackson, Director of Transitional Services at ICAN, was nominated to the Steering Committee. A motion to accept Allison to the Steering Committee was made by Jodi Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Anne Solar. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

The Steering Committee will be seeking nominations for new members from the Fulton and Montgomery County Local Planning Bodies. The Steering Committee will also be looking for a representative from the Department of Education to fill an ex-officio seat.

Governance Charter Updates

A proposal to add an additional seat on the Steering Committee for the CoC, serving veterans, was presented to the committee for feedback. This would require an amendment to the governance charter, and a proceeding voting action for newly proposed members.

System Performance Measures

CARES presented System Performance data for the CoC. The presentation reviewed data from the previous federal fiscal year (October 2022 to September 2023) in comparison to the current federal fiscal year (October 2023 to September 2024). The comparison was presented to address variables for further review and consideration within the CoC's system performance data. CARES shared that a suggestion for data improvement would be to confirm destinations and discharge information when a participant is discharged from HMIS.

2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The annual PIT Count will be on January 22, 2025. This will include sheltered and unsheltered counts. The service-based count will be conducted from January 23rd through January 29th.

Committee/Program Updates

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The LEAB continues to work on a recruitment flyer to solicit new membership. A tenant's rights and responsibilities presentation is also in development. In upcoming meetings, the LEAB will look for feedback on how to incorporate a stipend for those who serve on the LEAB.

Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC)

The RRJAC met on December 2nd. RRJAC members reviewed data from HMIS, analyzing demographic representation in Coordinated Entry Systems. The RRJAC would like to continue to develop localized committees to address equitable representation across service providers. The RRJAC is developing various training resources.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CARES continues to work on the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) submission, which is due to HUD on January 9, 2025. OTDA and CARES will be conducting outreach to providers regarding HMIS data clean-up in preparation for the upcoming PIT Count.

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR)

Efforts continue in developing resources to benefit current and new SOAR providers within the Balance of State (BoS). The BoS SOAR Workgroup will meet again on January 6, 2025.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Cattaraugus

The Genesis House warming center is open for the season. Local providers have been participating in a homelessness taskforce in Olean. The taskforce planned to conduct a localized PIT Count in December but was cancelled due to weather. Efforts will be continued next month for the January PIT Count. Legal Assistance of Western New York (LAWNY) is administering a new eviction prevention program to provide additional legal and eviction prevention assistance.

Clinton

Clinton DSS and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Champlain Valley, are planning to open a warming center in the coming weeks. Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN) will be taking over the community dorm program for transitional housing in January 2025. Local housing providers are exploring development of a universal housing application for applicants applying for various housing programs. Information was shared regarding a community solar project that will help lower utility payments for low-income households.

Fulton

IPH continues to rent up the YMCA. The district is struggling to place households into hotels due to issues with transportation and inaccessibility after business hours. Fulton County currently houses people in hotels or motels outside of the county due to lack of inventory.

Herkimer

The warming center is averaging 14 individuals each night with 30 cots available. After business hours transfers and public transportation continue to pose barriers in the county.

Montgomery

Danielle's House is open for the season. Construction is scheduled to begin in February for a new shelter project. Catholic Charities noted that the 10-bed warming center is open, and they are seeing an average of eight people per night. The district is preparing to hire a case worker that will specifically serve a homeless population. A shelter supplement plan was recently submitted by the district.

Putnam

The warming center is open, and the district reports low utilization as it is still early in the season. A Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STHEP) grant was recently awarded to Search for Change and CoveCare. A revitalization plan for the City of Brewster is underway and has resulted in the loss of several community housing resources.

Schoharie

The warming center is open and is serving about nine nightly participants with a 10-bed capacity. The district is seeing more participants presenting with animals, resulting in placements at hotels or motels.

Sullivan

The district reports that the homeless census is the largest it has been in recent years, with most participants placed at local hotels or motels. The district is working to apply for a Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) program to create additional resources to serve vulnerable populations. The district is also hiring a case manager for the Family-Centered Services program. Actional Towards Independence (ATI) is planning for the recently awarded STEHP grant.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Cattaraugus – January 15

Clinton – December 19

Fulton – January 21

Herkimer – January 27

Montgomery – January 27

Putnam – January 22

Schoharie – January 13

Sullivan – January 28

Steering Committee – January 9

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.