



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

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

August 7, 2025  
9:30am-11:00am

### **Steering Committee Attendees**

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus  
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus  
Nichole Zink (on behalf of Commissioner Erin Whitcomb), Cattaraugus  
Liz Carpenter, Clinton  
Acting Commissioner Gretchen Crowningshield, Clinton  
Crystal Narducci, Clinton  
Randy Viele, Fulton  
Shauna Cone (on behalf of Maureen Petrie), Herkimer  
Kelley Gilligan, Montgomery  
Toya Lane, Otsego  
Sarah Purdy (on behalf of Commissioner Lisa Winne), Otsego  
Ashley Brody, Putnam  
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie  
Christy Houck, Schoharie  
Meg Parsons, Schoharie  
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan  
Deb Worden, Sullivan

### **Guests**

Liddy Barger, Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County  
Lauren Canetto, OTDA Temporary Assistance  
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC Housing  
Colleen Hayter, CARES of NY  
Michele McCool, Recovery Options Made Easy (ROME)  
Steve Munford, Schoharie County Department of Social Services (DSS)  
Jennifer Schultz, Albany Stratton VA Medical Center  
Amanda Stamas, Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS)  
Jody West, Otsego County DSS

### **Ex-Officio Members**

Sonia Tate, OCFS  
Mary Crowley, OTDA  
Heather Diamond, OTDA  
Arden Estep, OTDA  
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA  
Dana Greenberg, OTDA  
Sarah Watson, OTDA

## **Welcome and Introductions**

## **Steering Committee Voting Actions**

### ***June Meeting Minutes***

The June Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Jodi Fuller and seconded by Adam Anderson. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

### ***New Steering Committee Members***

Noel Feik from Crossroads Inn was nominated to the Steering Committee by the Otsego County Local Planning Body (LPB). A motion to accept Noel to the Steering Committee was made by Deb Worden and seconded by Ashley Brody. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

## **Unite Us Platform Demonstration**

Commissioner John Liddle and Deborah Worden provided a demonstration of the Unite Us platform, which is a closed loop referral system that is being utilized by several Social Care Networks.

## **Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Presentation**

Liddy Bargar from the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County (NY-510) spoke about their experience forming and facilitating a YAB and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).

## **FY2025 CoC NOFO**

In July, HUD sent out a notification that there will be a CoC NOFO in FY2025. It is unknown at this time as to the impact on the prior year's two-year competition cycle. More details will be released in the future.

## **Committee/Program Updates**

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

The LEAB presented a Tenant's Rights Training in July to CoC providers and tenants in housing programs. This training will be offered regularly through the CoC's training series.

### ***Balance of State (BoS) Racial Equity Committee***

The BoS Racial Equity Committee developed a Steering Committee Board Matrix to assess the skills and knowledge sets of BoS leadership. The committee is also making updates to the Diversity Assessment Tool.

Beginning in October, HUD data standards will be updated. Gender and Sexual Orientation will no longer be required or included in federal reporting.

## **LPB Updates**

### ***Clinton***

DSS Commissioner Christine Peters has accepted a new position as the Clinton County Administrator. Gretchen Crowningshield is now serving as the Acting Commissioner.

### ***Montgomery***

Montgomery County is preparing for the Warming Center to open in the Fall.

### ***Otsego***

Otsego County had their first LPB Meeting as part of the BoS. Opportunities for Otsego's Emergency Shelter is almost at capacity as is their Rapid Rehousing Program. Their Domestic Violence Intervention Program is losing federal funding.

### ***Putnam***

Search for Change submitted two Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) applications. They also received a grant to expand their scattered site supportive housing program.

### ***Sullivan***

Sullivan County's emergency housing numbers have decreased by ten more individuals.

## **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

Cattaraugus – September 17

Clinton – August 21

Fulton – August 19

Herkimer – August 25

Montgomery – August 25

Otsego – August 12

Putnam – August 27

Schoharie – August 11

Sullivan – August 26

Steering Committee – September 4 and October 3 (in person)

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am.