



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

**71st New York State Balance of State CoC
Steering Committee Meeting**

May 1, 2025
9:30am-11:00am

Steering Committee Attendees

Adam Anderson, Cattaraugus
Jodi Fuller, Cattaraugus
Commissioner Christine Peters, Clinton
Fern Hurley, Fulton
Commissioner Anne Solar, Fulton
Randy Viele, Fulton
Lisa Reginelli (on behalf of Allison Jackson), Herkimer
Commissioner Matthew Beck, Montgomery
Kelley Gilligan, Montgomery
Ashley Brody, Putnam
Piaget Solpiaget, Putnam
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie
Sarita Green, Sullivan
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan
Deborah Worden, Sullivan

Guests

Lauren Canetto, OTDA Temporary Assistance
Gretchen Crowningshield, Clinton County Department of Social Services (DSS)
Colleen Haberzettl, Sullivan County DSS
Amanda Haley-Beaudette, ETC
Lindsay Mehrman, Clinton County DSS
Steven Munford, Schoharie County DSS
Mary Ann Oliver, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Buffalo Field Office
Kathleen Paton, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties
Jennifer Schultz, Veterans Affairs

Ex-Officio Members

Heather Diamond, OTDA
Jason Gallacchi, OTDA
Sarah Watson, OTDA

Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Voting Actions

April Meeting Minutes

The April 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.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding Updates

FY2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) grants beginning January through April have been sent to grantees for signature. HUD is awaiting approval to move forward with grants agreements beginning May 1st and onward. These are expected to be released on time. As a reminder, grantees may submit claims via the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) as soon as an eligible cost is incurred.

Mary Ann Oliver's last day with the HUD Buffalo Field Office is Friday May 2nd. The NYS BoS CoC's new point of contact will be Elizabeth McClam.

BoS Expanded Geography

Otsego County, a current member of the NY-511 CoC, has expressed interest in joining the NYS BoS CoC. Otsego County and its members submitted a "Merger and Geographic Inclusion Application". The NY-511 CoC is considering options that can best serve Otsego County including releasing them thereby permitting Otsego the opportunity to join the NYS BoS CoC. Should this occur, NY-525 will need to vote to add Otsego its geographic inclusion area.

Committee/Program Updates

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

The CoC's Data Committee met on April 24th to review data quality, Point-in-Time (PIT) Count numbers, and System Performance Measure (SPM) data.

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

The LEAB met on April 2nd and is finalizing a stipend policy for LEAB membership and a Tenants Rights presentation.

Balance of State Racial Equity Committee

The first meeting of the Racial Equity Committee was April 1st. The Committee will be updating the Diversity Assessment Tool, developing a Board Matrix, and examining local data with an equity lens. The committee is looking for representation from each county in the BoS. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact OTDA staff.

The Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC) Summit will be held in August in Binghamton.

Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

A YAB for the NYS BoS CoC is currently under development. Ways of garnering new membership are being explored, including reaching out to other CoCs who have active youth advisory committees. CAPTAIN started a youth focus group and hopes to recruit from this pool of individuals in the future. Please reach out to OTDA staff with possible connections or ideas.

Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates

Cattaraugus

Dr. Dennis Culhane, a social science researcher and professor at the University of Pennsylvania, visited Olean in April and spoke at two events regarding homelessness trends and innovative ideas.

Clinton

Clinton County has no updates at this time.

Fulton

The homeless census has risen in Fulton County due to lack of affordable housing and increasing needs of those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, there was a fire in a vacant building where homeless individuals have been known to gather.

Herkimer

The Loaves and Fishes Warming Center closed April 30th. Herkimer anticipates approximately 40 adults and children being displaced from the closing of a local motel. Herkimer County is working to secure alternative placements for those being displaced.

Montgomery

The Montgomery County Warming Center closed April 15th. DSS hired a new caseworker dedicated to homelessness.

Putnam

Putnam County is undergoing redevelopment which will displace many affordable housing tenants. Section 8 recipients have already received notices, as have some of the voucher recipients at Search for Change. Many of the displaced tenants have found alternate living arrangements, however the removal of housing stock will affect housing availability in future.

Schoharie

The Schoharie Warming Center closed on March 31st. The housing development project in Schoharie is progressing, with preliminary work on site feasibility portion of the project being completed. The next step will be to continue analysis of the site preparation and to apply for capital funding.

Sullivan

The Sullivan County emergency shelter numbers have decreased by 19%. This is the lowest it has been since August 2024. Sullivan County continues to maximize resources including shelter supplements, Rental Supplement Plan (RSP) funds and the Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP) to address homelessness. Additionally, Sullivan County is still pursuing development of an emergency shelter.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Cattaraugus – May 21
Clinton – May 15
Fulton – May 20
Herkimer – June 23
Montgomery – June 23
Putnam – May 28
Schoharie – May 12
Sullivan – May 27
Steering Committee – June 18 (in person)

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelley Gilligan and seconded by Deb Worden. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.