



New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care

## **72<sup>nd</sup> New York State Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting**

June 18, 2025

9:30am-2:00pm

### **Steering Committee Attendees**

Jane Folts (on behalf of Jodi Fuller), Cattaraugus  
Michele McCool (on behalf of Adam Anderson), Cattaraugus  
Lindsay Mehrman (on behalf of Commissioner Christine Peters), Clinton  
Crystal Narducci, Clinton  
Fern Hurley, Fulton  
Krystena Savaria (on behalf of Commissioner Anne Solar), Fulton  
Allison Jackson, Herkimer  
Kelley Gilligan, Montgomery  
Jeanine Robitaille, Montgomery  
Ashley Brody, Putnam  
Piaget Solpiaget, Putnam  
Commissioner Donna Becker, Schoharie  
Carolyn Chevalier (on behalf of Christy Houck), Schoharie  
Commissioner John Liddle, Sullivan  
Sarita Green, Sullivan  
Vanessa Sotelo (on behalf of Deborah Worden), Sullivan

### **Guests**

Teah Cerina, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Temporary Assistance  
Kelli Clark, CARES of NY  
Scott Emery, Healthy Alliance  
Deb Finger, Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS)  
Mike Finocchi, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties  
Meshell Garcia, OTDA Temporary Assistance  
Colleen Hayter, CARES of NY  
Toya Lane, Opportunities for Otsego (OFO)  
Deana Michaels, Healthy Alliance  
Lauren Moose, NYS Department of State  
Stacey Nodelman, OTDA Temporary Assistance  
Sarah Purdy, Otsego County DSS  
Lisa Reginelli, Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN)  
Krystena Savaria, Fulton DSS  
Jennifer Schultz, Albany Stratton VA Medical Center  
Tanya Shalor, OFO  
Jody West, Otsego DSS

**Ex-Officio Members**

Linda Camoin, 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 May Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Piaget Solpiaget and seconded by Jeanine Robitaille. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

***Balance of State (BoS) CoC Expanded Geography – Otsego County***

Otsego County, previously a member of the NY-511 CoC, submitted a “Merger and Geographic Inclusion Application” to join the BoS CoC. On May 21, the NY-511 CoC membership voted to allow Otsego County to leave NY-511. On June 11, a special meeting was held with Otsego County stakeholders and BoS CoC members to allow for an introduction and questions.

A motion to accept Otsego County into the BoS CoC and make an official geographic change was made by Ashely Brody and seconded by Janine Robitaille. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

***New Steering Committee Members***

Otsego County DSS Commissioner Lisa Winne was nominated to the Steering Committee. A motion to accept Commissioner Winne to the Steering Committee was made by Fern Hurley and seconded by Allison Jackson. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

Toya Lane, Emergency Housing Program Manager at Opportunities for Otsego (OFO), was nominated to the Steering Committee. A motion to accept Toya to the Steering Committee was made by Janine Robitaille and seconded by Commissioner Donna Becker. All attendees were in favor, none opposed.

***Balance of State (BoS) Point In Time (PIT) Count***

The Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count have been finalized and submitted to U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## **Funding Opportunity and Updates**

### ***Housing Access Voucher Pilot Program (HAVPP)***

HAVPP is a \$50 million initiative to be administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR). The program will provide rental assistance vouchers to individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. More information will be available the coming months.

### ***Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)***

At least one organization from each county within the BoS plans to submit an ESSHI application. The process to request Letters of Support for a project is available on the BoS website <https://otda.ny.gov/resources/continuum-of-care/policies.asp>.

### **Department of State (DOS) Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**

The NYS Department of State (DOS) presented on the Address Confidentiality Program, which provides a legal substitute address for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual offense, kidnapping, and human trafficking to utilize instead of their physical address. Applicants can apply online at <https://dos.ny.gov/>

## **Committee/Program Updates**

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

The Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) will be offering a Tenant's Rights Training in July to the CoC's providers and program participants.

### ***Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee (RRJAC) and 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, which will be administered soon.

### ***Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)***

Beginning in October, HUD data standards will be changing; gender and sexual orientation will no longer be required or included in federal reporting.

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

OTDA staff recently met with leadership from the Tompkins County CoC to learn about their implementation and administration of a Youth Action Board. This will continue to be an agenda item at future Steering Committee and Local Planning Body meetings.

## **Local Planning Body (LPB) Updates**

### ***Cattaraugus***

Cattaraugus County is participating in a Community Health Needs Assessment.

### ***Fulton***

Individuals from Fulton County toured IPHNY's Fulton House.

### ***Herkimer***

The Warming Center is looking for a new location for the upcoming Code Blue season.

### ***Montgomery***

The Montgomery County Warming Center served over 100 unduplicated individuals during the 2024-2025 Code Blue season. Mobile outreach in Montgomery County is anticipated to begin in September. IPHNY is planning to start construction on an HHAP project in September, which will provide emergency shelter and six units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

### ***Otsego***

OFO's Special Notice of Funding Opportunities (SNOFO) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project is progressing well. They are also working on a transportation initiative which includes a Wheels to Work program for vehicle repair. Otsego DSS increased their Tiny Homes (emergency shelter) from six to ten beds. The four additional beds will come online once furniture arrives.

### ***Putnam***

The stabilization center is still exploring site options.

### ***Schoharie***

To date, Schoharie County DSS has housed five families in the month of June, which is the highest number of families needing housing assistance in a single month. Schoharie DSS has also hired a new Family Centered Case Manager. The Public Assistance Shelter Supplement (PASS) plan for families has been approved. Catholic Charities' main office has moved to a new location in Richmondville.

### ***Sullivan***

Sullivan County has seen a decrease in the number of individuals in emergency shelter to 270 people. There is also a proposed HHAP and ESSHI project in development. They are currently working to identify a site.

### ***Schedule of Upcoming Meetings***

Cattaraugus – June 18

Clinton – July 17

Fulton – July 15

Herkimer – June 23

Montgomery – June 23

Otsego – July 29

Putnam – June 25

Schoharie – July 14

Sullivan – June 24

Steering Committee – August 7

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.