

Today's Chat - 11/19/2025

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Joshua Sankowski 8:36 AM

Sara-thank you for sharing this! This is so important. 

Kim Martin 8:36 AM

Every shelter could use this with their folks!

read.ai meeting notes 8:39 AM

Clarice added read.ai meeting notes to the meeting.

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Sara Volz-Rogers (she/her) 8:42 AM

Sara Volz-Rogers: sara.volz-rogers@togethernowny.org

Denise Read 8:42 AM

Thanks for doing the demo Sara!

Craig Johnson 8:43 AM

Sara, what is the time frame/ deadline for identifying eligibility for SNAP

Sara Volz-Rogers (she/her) 8:44 AM

SNAP Resources:

<https://my-wayfinder.org/home>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qCo8NycpPg>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/snap-abawd-changes>

Sam Moskowitz 8:41 AM

Thank you Sara! good to see you !

Becky Miglioratti 8:47 AM

Rebecca.miglioratti@dfa.state.ny.us

Sam Moskowitz 8:48 AM

how do they get the ride from RTS

Amy D'Amico 8:52 AM

I think it's valuable to note that in Monroe county people move into housing from encampments faster than shelters do. This is one reason we want encampments to remain open for folks

Rachel Bailey-pcho 8:56 AM

The RPD stated during a HOT meeting that they don't want to let people know the exact time and date of a sweep to avoid protesters, which I think also means the press

wbsch 8:59 AM

I'm confident that Sarah Fletcher will respond favorably to the recent H.O.T. survey, including the concerns about how encampments are closed...

Tree Clemonds@PEH/CoC 9:00 AM

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZVswqPIAb78_jbHV8VWtfDQr57D9TJW4/view?usp=drivesdk

Jim Smith SCPO 9:06 AM

what time is the meeting Friday?

Valerie Douglas (she/hers) 9:07 AM

Upcoming National Alliance to End Homelessness Webinar: Understanding HUD's FY2025 NOFO

Wednesday Nov 19 from 3-4:30pm EST. Register here

Please join them for a discussion where Alliance leadership will provide an in depth analysis of their interpretation of the FY2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO, how they are responding, and what lies ahead for communities working to end homelessness.

Upcoming Review by Partners Ending Homelessness of Our Local Application and Scoring

Friday Nov 21 from 11a-12p FY2025 NOFO Application Information Meeting by ZOOM. You can also call in +16465588656,,83909512496# US (New York) 16469313860,,83909512496# US Meeting ID: 839 0951 2496, Passcode: 648506. If you currently receive HUD funding and are interested in applying this year, please attend. We will record the presentation and post it to our website. We will review the new application and the scoring.

Jennifer Keys-She is with PEH. 9:07 AM

Tree Clemonds@PEH/CoC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Jim Smith SCPO 9:07 AM

Thank you!

Jennifer Keys-She is with PEH. 9:07 AM

NOFO Application Training.

Will McGraw 9:07 AM

Friday 11am meeting: PEH Local Application Process meeting

Valerie Douglas (she/hers) 9:06 AM

I may have missed this, but are you saying they can't move into transitional beds because we don't have enough at this time or that they wouldn't be eligible?

Jason Dunn, Partners Ending Homelessness, Rochester 9:09 AM

Just to be clear that is 40 hours of service for each individual resident of the transitional housing

Becky Efigenio Family Promise 9:10 AM

Can this include them working?

Kim Martin 9:13 AM

Tree do we want to touch on the disability information and priority that the gov't is outlining?

Jennifer Keys-She is with PEH. 9:13 AM

Who is Zoom User?

Amy D'Amico 9:13 AM

Also there's more points to communities that force unhoused people w mental illness into psychiatric units.

Many of the scoring elements (no housing first no harm reduction services no encampments more psychiatric unit lockups, more jailing people for being outdoors) is going to harm blue states and blue cities more than red conservative states and cities

Jason Dunn, Partners Ending Homelessness, Rochester 9:14 AM

And the hours much be documented.

Cora Conklin (she/her), YWCA 9:15 AM

Can you elaborate on "no harm reduction services" please?

Amy D'Amico 9:19 AM

There is language in the NOFO under eligibility and policy and scoring about harm reduction services such as needle distribution on or off the property prior to the NOFO or currently, which will harm the project score

Sam Moskowitz 9:15 AM

job searching usually counts as well if they are working with Rochester Works

rcald 9:17 AM

With the funding cuts how are we moving forward with referrals

Valerie Douglas (she/hers) 9:20 AM

Our TLPs do track these requirements and yes, it takes robust staffing. And site-based is definitely a plus.

Matt Smeltzer 9:21 AM

I have to jump off and go to another meeting. Here's a few updates:

1. Bethlehem (shelter for couples) is full. I'm working with outreach teams to identify the individuals in need.
2. Faith Workgroup Update: The Father's Heart Ministry is doing a huge Thanksgiving meal giveaway on Lake Ave. And they assist the homeless community daily. Website: <https://thefathersheartroc.org/>
3. There's a comedy show fundraiser on Friday December 5th to raise support for the homeless community. Funding is going directly towards homeless prevention (1st month's rent, security deposits, etc). Tickets at: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35843/production/1252057>

Jason Dunn, Partners Ending Homelessness, Rochester 9:21 AM

Unfortunately the courts have ruled that the Federal government can attach requirements to funding it provides. It places us the the untenable situation of deciding between supporting all of the members of our community or losing Federal funding.

Valerie Douglas (she/hers) 9:22 AM

We are keeping TH beds that won't be funded by the Federal government so we don't put Trans folks at risk.

Mickey DiPerna (they/he) 9:23 AM

thank you

Will McGraw 9:23 AM

Thank you for highlighting this too, Mickey.

Jennifer Keys-She is with PEH. 9:23 AM

Do we have beds for Trans adults and will we be able to keep those?

Kim Martin 9:23 AM

It may be a good idea to look at your tracking models for possible TH models that may be coming online or applying.

Craig Johnson 9:23 AM

Good work Valerie

Amy D'Amico 9:23 AM

That's purposeful, tree, that New York State will lose its funding based on our protections of human rights for people w disabilities, people w mental illnesses and the LGBTQIA community. That's why New York should be suing. It's not just a civil rights violation it's economic exploitation of blue states.

Valerie Douglas (she/hers) 9:23 AM

I'd be happy to offer any consultation/support for orgs seeking to shift to a TH model.

Joshua Sankowski 9:26 AM

Tree. 

Craig Johnson 9:26 AM

We are more concerned about our primarily urban population here in Monroe County, I know that you are in contact with the surrounding counties Tree, but the issues for the rural communities will be at least as challenging considering transportation, etc. for 40 hours a week, wow

agantt 9:28 AM

Can you please send over to me agantt@ywcarochester.org

Darnell Rhodes 9:13 AM

Just to be clear, where does rapid re-housing fall in this discussion? Is it considered transitional housing in this context?

Will McGraw 9:14 AM

Darnell, I am looking into this right now and will get back to you shortly.

Will McGraw 9:19 AM

"Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH) is capped at 30 percent of ARD. CoCs must shift funding from existing permanent housing projects that exceed this cap toward new projects that are aligned with the administration's priorities, particularly transitional housing with high service requirements. New Joint TH-RRH projects are no longer eligible." Page 2 point 2 [FY2025-CoC-Program-NOFO-Full-Analysis.pdf](#)

Darnell Rhodes 9:20 AM

Got it, thank you Will!

Amaris Elliott-Engel 9:28 AM

I will be raising this issue with my leadership at the Office of the NYS Attorney General.

Will McGraw 9:29 AM

Thank you, Amaris!

Sara Volz-Rogers (she/her) 9:29 AM

Thank you Tree! You and the team are doing amazing work!

Amy D'Amico 9:30 AM

Thank you Tree ((hug))

Mickey DiPerna (they/he) 9:30 AM

Thank you, Tree!