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*Editor's Note: You will see one dramatic change that came out of the Board of Director's Retreat is the name of this newsletter. Times have changed, and the Board was ready for an update. We have leaned into our Association name and we wanted to reconnect ourselves to the incredible legacy of over 150 years of helping the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

Upcoming Events:

March 13: Commissioners Meeting Webex Only

April 10: Commissioners Meeting, Hybrid (in-person or online).

May 20 - 22: State and Local Convening at Fort William Henry in Lake George

July 20 - 23: NYPWA Summer Conference in Saratoga Springs

NYPWA Board Retreat Completed

NYPWA successfully completed their yearly Board of Directors Retreat on Thursday and Friday of this week in Saratoga Springs. The Board of Directors met to discuss strategy and establish goals for 2025. We had insightful conversation and identified ways that NYPWA and the Board of Directors will work for the membership and improve our association. Thank you to everyone who participated, and we will share some of our goals in the upcoming weeks.

NYPWA Legislative Summary

With the 2024 Legislative Session in the rearview, it is time to give a summary of Legislation which NYPWA was tracking last year. Each issue area in the document provides a general bill title, bill number, who sponsors the legislation, a brief description, and where it is in the legislative process. Please see the attached document.

HUD Grant Delays and Planned Staff Cuts Are Sending Homeless Service Providers into Panic

Every year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awards billions of dollars in grants to nonprofits and state and local agencies to help people transition from homelessness into permanent housing. In fiscal year 2024, Congress approved, and the Biden administration awarded, \$3.6 billion of those competitive grants, which also include funds for veterans experiencing homelessness, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing, youth homelessness and domestic violence shelters.

The money was set to go out throughout 2025 and 2026, depending on when individual grants were set to renew. But nonprofit leaders say none of the grant funds awarded on Jan. 17 have officially been made available.

While it's not clear how much money was supposed to have gone out since January, nonprofit leaders tell Shelterforce/Next City that the Trump administration's HUD has not yet communicated about the grant funds. It's leaving some providers to panic about how they will serve homeless communities at a time when homelessness has reached an all-time high. Read [the entire article here](#).