

Bureau of Housing and Support Services (BHSS) Regional Provider Meetings

October 28, 2025
Sleepy Hollow Hotel, Westchester

List of Speakers

Keynote Speaker

Dennis Culhane, PhD

Dennis P. Culhane is the Dana and Andrew Stone Chair in Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice. His primary area of research is homelessness and assisted housing policy.

Session 1A: Safe Options and Person-Centered Approaches for Engaging the Unhoused

Joseph Cooper, Mental Health Program Specialist, NYS Office of Mental Health

Danny Cuciti, LMSW, Regional Director of Care Management, Rehabilitation Support Services

John Liddle, Commissioner, Sullivan County Department of Social Services

Elsa-Kay Pinzon, Homeless Outreach Director, Search for Change

Liz Schmidt, Chief of Staff, HONOR

Session 1B: Site Selection Considerations

Sharon Browne, Chief Administrative Officer, CAMBA

Donna Donaghy, Associate Executive Director, Mercy Haven

Ross Karp, Development Director, NYS Homes and Community Renewal

Greg Mangini, Director of Facilities, Mercy Haven

David A. Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer, CAMBA Housing Ventures

Session 2A: Innovative Solutions for Medical and Social Care Needs

Megan DeMeo, Deputy Director of Program Operations, Bethesda House

Amanda Hughes, RN, Medical Care Program, Bethesda House

Amit Jagdeo, Clinical Supervisor, Bethesda House

Blanca Ramirez, Executive Director, Comunilife

Beverly Raudales, Chief Program Officer, Comunilife

Session 2B: Sustaining Success: Tenant Engagement and Staff Retention

Adrian Rodriguez, Vice President of Supportive Housing and Youth Homelessness Initiatives, Good Shepherd Services

Kioka Jackson, Program Director at McLaughlin East Harlem Residence, Good Shepherd Services

Darryl Perry, Senior Case Manager at McLaughlin East Harlem Residence, Good Shepherd Services