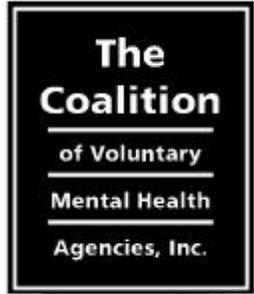


# Coalition Briefs

A SEMI-MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK



## New York/New York II

The need for new housing for homeless mentally ill people remains great. The recently expired New York/New York agreement was a successful collaboration between the City and State that provided housing for over 7,500 individuals. The Coalition is a member of the *Campaign for New York/New York II*. The new goal is 10,000 units of housing for the homeless mentally ill as well as for those at-risk of becoming homeless. Last week, members of the campaign met with SOMH and DOB officials to make its case. A letter writing campaign is on deck, calling on the Governor and other officials to renew and fully fund this landmark program during the upcoming legislative session. The target is 15,000 letters to the Governor during December. □

### [www.cvmha.org/over\\_construction](http://www.cvmha.org/over_construction)

We are pleased to announce that The Coalition's website is no longer under construction. Much useful information is now available at [www.cvmha.org](http://www.cvmha.org). We have links to many interesting sites and copies of recent Coalition documents. We will be happy to continue to add links to any of our members' pages as they come online to which there are not now links. Please drop by. □

## Draft RFP Response

On November 13 Executive Director Phillip Saperia testified before a State OMH panel regarding the *Draft RFP* for Adult SNPs. In addition we prepared an 18 page written response. Copies of both, if you didn't receive one or want a second copy, are available on our website at <http://www.cvmha.org/drfp.html>. □

## Big Apple Circ-sess

The Coalition's annual Big Apple Circus event was a huge success this year. The evening at the circus was a magical couple of hours of fun and wonder for the sold-out house. Thanks once again for the tireless diligence and hard work of our own Judeth Podell and JBFC's Ed Kirschenbaum. Their persistent efforts were invaluable to making the evening work so well. A special thanks to our sponsors, member agencies and corporations, who purchased large blocks of tickets and made generous donations. We couldn't have done it without you. □

## Help Wanted

Project Moving On Day Treatment program for mentally ill adults seeks a culturally competent **FT Activity Therapist** to organize and conduct therapeutic activity groups and provide individual counseling and case management. BA plus experience with MICA population. M-F, no eves. or weekends. FAX resume to Sue Buchanan, (718) 858-2967. □

Part Time and Per Diem positions are available for the Volunteers of America Substance Abuse Service Engagement Team. **Psychiatrist, MICA Social Workers and Substance Abuse Counselors** are needed at a new innovative program for service resistant homeless men in midtown Manhattan. Morning and evening shifts from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Bachelors degree in a human service field and two years employment experience with psychiatric, substance abuse and/or homeless populations are required, a masters degree is preferred for MICA Social Worker roles. Send resume, indicating position of choice to: Ralph Atlas, Volunteers of America SET, P.O. Box 1090, Murray Hill Station, NYC, NY 10156-0604. Fax: (212)481-4577. □

## Annual Meeting

On December 11, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. The Coalition will host our 25th Annual Meeting at 120 West 57th Street. The Annual Meeting is an important time for Coalition members to shape the organization's future.

This year's meeting will be divided into two distinct parts. The first part will be the important business that needs to be conducted by the full membership, including the election of new Board members.

During the second part of the meeting we will look back over the preceding quarter of a century. We will celebrate the people who were responsible, 25 years ago, for creating The Coalition and those who took the torch from them and kept the flame burning.

The meeting will be informative, sentimental and fun. Delightful refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing all of our members there. □

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| November 25 | Managed Care Technical Assistance Seminar |
| December 4  | Day Treatment Task Force                  |
| December 11 | Finance Committee Board of Directors      |
|             | <b>Annual Meeting</b>                     |