



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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## Community Services - CSBG Update

### In Remembrance of John Eberhard

The Division of Community Services extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends, staff and Board of Directors of Delaware Opportunities, Inc. John had a long career in Community Action, serving since 1984, and impacted the lives of many. He has left an indelible mark on his community. John will be greatly missed by all of us.

### News from the Division

- ⇒ The Division is anxiously waiting to hear the status of the Continuing Resolution set to expire January 19, 2018. DCS will send out an email to grantees once we receive notice.
- ⇒ The Contract Review Unit, commonly known as the CRU, is now the Administrative Review Unit, ARU. Questions regarding MWBE or any other administrative issues should be directed to the ARU at [dos.sm.DCS.ARU@dos.ny.gov](mailto:dos.sm.DCS.ARU@dos.ny.gov)
- ⇒ An MWBE Waiver webinar for grantees to ask questions and gain further information will be held in the coming weeks. Further registration information will be sent by email.
- ⇒ Remember, your ACROS is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact your program analyst to confirm the address to which it should be sent. In the event your program analyst has made arrangements to review your ACROS onsite, your program analyst will be sending out a confirmation date.
- ⇒ If DCS is conducting a TRACS at your agency in 2018, you will receive a second quarter site visit. Please take this opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the TRACS with your program analyst.
- ⇒ New program analyst assignments are expected to be announced by the end of the month. The Division will make every effort to make this a smooth transition for both staff and grantees.

### Save the Date: Upcoming Professional Development

- ⇒ Community Action Partnership Learning Community deadline is extended to January 19, 2018. The Learning Community will serve as a hub for the CSBG Network to support agencies in the identification, adaptation, and implementation of innovative and evidence-informed family/individual-level services and community-level strategies. Visit the CAP website to learn more:  
<https://communityactionpartnership.com/menus/learning-communities-resource-center.html>
- ⇒ The 2018 National Association for State Community Services Programs Annual Training Conference will take place September 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> in Bellevue, Washington.

## Agency News

- ⇒ The Food Security of Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency received \$100,000 from the New York State Department of Health to create a multicounty Food Recovery Program. This program will recover perishable food, that would otherwise go to waste, from participating food vendors. Food vendors include wholesale and retailers, farmers, community gardens, and licensed food establishments. The food will be given to low income residents of Cayuga and Seneca Counties through participating Emergency Food Providers (EFPs). The agency has hired a Food Security Coordinator and a Food Security Assistant to implement the Food Recovery Program as well as recruit 10 volunteers.
- ⇒ DCS extends a fond farewell to James Norman. Mr. Norman has been President and CEO of ABC since 1992. ABC has made great strides in the Monroe and Ontario counties under Mr. Norman's leadership. The Division wishes Mr. Norman all the best in the coming years.

- ⇒ Congratulations to Jerome Underwood, the new CEO of Action for a Better Community! Mr. Underwood is the former chair of the ABC Board of Directors, and is very familiar with the operations of the agency and the CSBG network. The Division extends its best wishes and support to Mr. Underwood.



- ⇒ Welcome Mr. Franklin Monjarrez, the new Executive Director of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.

## 2018 Poverty Symposium

NYSCAA is preparing for the 12th Annual Symposium on Poverty and Economic Opportunity to be held on March 14, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. The symposium will bring together non-profits, government, community-based organizations, and businesses to explore the intersection between health care and poverty. Medical professionals, low-income people, and Community Action Agencies will discuss the challenges and successes in improving access to affordable, high quality health and dental health services.

Registration for the event is now open in the following link:

<https://nyscommunityaction.org/12th-annual-symposium-on-poverty-economic-security-march-13-2018-tue-13-mar-2018-220000-gmt/>

### The Newsletter Team:

Tina LaRocca-Marcellus, Program Analyst with the Division of Community Services in Watertown, NY and Charm Lee, VISTA member for the Division of Community Services in Albany, NY. invite everyone to share stories and pictures of interest with their colleagues in the network by emailing: [Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov) or [Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov)

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