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PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED LENGTH OF TERMS AMENDMENT  
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June 18, 2009  
12:10 p.m.

A Public Hearing held in the above entitled  
matter on the above date and time held at the  
Mayor's Office 253 Broadway, 9th floor, New York,  
New York before Marichal L. Harrison a Notary Public  
of the State of New York.

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MS. NATHAN: I will like to open the public hearing of the Procurement Policy Board, and our first testimony will come from Nicholas Napolitano from the Supportive Housing Network of New York.

MR. NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Jahmeliah. The Supportive Housing Network of New York wanted to make a comment on the proposed amendment Rule 2-04, which would lengthen the term of the contract for human services providers of New York City. We have a few questions and recommendations. Overall the network is in strong support of the amendment. We think it will be a benefit to the city and nonprofit service providers. Just some brief background about the network. We have 180 members nonprofit that build and operate and provide services for homeless, disabled and at-risk New Yorkers. In New York City there are 900 members, and they provide homes for individuals with mental illness, histories of substance use, people living with HIV/AIDS, families,

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domestic violence survivors, youth aging out of the foster care and other vulnerable populations. They are 24,000 units of supportive housing in just New York City alone. The supportive housing providers have contracts with DOHMH and DHS, and administration services. We think there are some positive things that will come out of lengthening contract terms eventually, and we just want to highlight some of the impacts for supportive housing providers. First and foremost, it will reduce the administrative burden on providers, many who spend valuable staff time and resources on behalf of the new contract with city agencies, so extending the period will save those resources. We also think it will be easier with longer contracts for them to attract capital financing necessary to develop new apartment buildings, because investors like to see commitment. It will also send an important message to the community that the city is committed to providing services for supportive housing tenants. Meaning that tenants will be

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assured long term stability in their homes,  
and community stability is important. There  
are a couple of things that we want to  
clarify. We are not exactly sure where  
permanent housing with social services will  
fall within the three, six or nine contract  
structure. We hope that the PPB can clarify  
these issues, because many of our providers  
have characteristics that are listed as  
examples, for instance, congregate apartment  
buildings required capital investment. For  
example, they also must go through the  
extensive ULURP process. Providers must sign  
a lease agreement for scattered-site  
apartments. They will have some leverages  
knowing that the services will be there for a  
longer period of time, perhaps financially  
eligible appropriate. It will be cheaper.  
Also, many of our case managers and other  
staff have therapeutic relationships with  
tenants, so continuing congruity matter for  
support. We are also wondering or hoping  
that PPB will provide additional information  
on how the amendment will effect the term of

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the contract, so if they will be eligible for an extension, or longer in terms of the contract being amended in the process of the current contract. We are also unsure if the amendment will apply to all New York City agencies that have human service contracts, so if PPB could provide clarification on that we will be grateful, and we will be also grateful to hear if any agencies will have the ability to provide the cost of living adjustments with contract amendments during the extended period of time. Again, we ultimately we think that this amendment will save the city very important resources and reduce the administrative burden on supportive housing providers, and we encourage MOCs and PPB to consider additional amendments that could further expedite process giving contracts to nonprofit, save resources, encourage capital investment, and house vulnerable populations faster. Some of those recommendations we just wanted to throw out for future consideration. This includes allowing nonprofits to merge multiple

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contracts with the same city agency into a master contract, could reduce audit responsibilities as well administrative management for the nonprofit, which is something we will build on, and we encourage agencies with supportive housing contracts to roll RFPs.

MS. NATHAN: The vote or the next PPB when the board will meet is Wednesday from three to five p.m., and we will do our best to address these questions or concerns by E-mail or by phone.

MR. NAPOLITANO: Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 12:10 p.m., the above matter concluded.)

I, MARICHAL L. HARRISON, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify that the above is a correct transcription of my stenographic notes.

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MARICHAL L.HARRISON