



February Newsletter

The mission of the NYC Continuum of Care (CoC) is to provide a leadership role in local planning and coordination to prevent and eradicate homelessness in New York City, while effectively implementing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care program.

HIC PIT Survey

Due Today, February 7th

Designated program staff will be receiving links to the 2023 HIC PIT Survey on the night of the HOPE count, which is due by February 7th, 2023.

Please let the DSS team know if you have any questions by emailing DSSHMIS@dss.nyc.gov.

Funding Opportunity

SAMHSA Grant

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals

The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based treatment and services for individuals, including youth, and families with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring mental health conditions and SUDs (CODs) who are experiencing homelessness.

**CoC Providers - These funds can be used to fund SOAR dedicated case managers.*

Application Due

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000 per year per award

Length of Project: Up to five years

Cost Sharing/Match Required?: No

[Click here for more information](#)

[Click here to download the NOFO](#) (.pdf)

2023 Annual Evaluation Results

The NYC CoC 2023 Annual Project Evaluation results are now posted on the Continuum of Care website!

[Click here to download the results](#) (.xlsx)

Projects that wish to appeal their scores can do so by following this link: <https://www.research.net/r/8T8NVYN>

Appeals are due by close-of-business on Friday, February 17, 2023.

For additional questions or comments, please contact Charlie Winkler at winklerc@dss.nyc.gov

January Public Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the January Public Meeting where we shared CoC updates and heard from our guest speakers on supported employment:

The Center for Practice Innovations

Paul J. Margolies, Ph.D. - *Associate Director, Practice Innovation and Implementation*

Karen Broadway-Wilson - *Individualized Placement and Support Trainer*

The Center for Urban Community Services

Sarah Curren, LMSW - *Assistant Program Director of Career Network*

[Click here to review the meeting summary!](#)

SSI Legislative Proposal

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the National Coalition for the Homeless are introducing a federal legislation that would address a portion of the benefits cliff-related barriers that lived experience advocates face while providing consultation for the homeless services system.

Fact Sheet: [SSI Legislative Proposal Fact Sheet](#)

Help Reduce Barriers to Lived Experience Advocacy by Showing Support for the Federal Proposal: [Legislative Affairs \(lahsa.org\)](#).

Consider completing this survey if you are a person with lived experience of homelessness, and please share it with your networks. The information collected from this survey will help to remove current and future barriers to compensation for people with lived experience.

Survey: [Anonymous Benefits and Income Survey for Lived Experience Advocates](#)

Contact: Samantha Vethavanam, *Legislative Affairs Analyst*, svethavanam@lahsa.org

Conferences/ Webinars

[NAEH - The Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference](#)

March 1-3, 2023, in Oakland, CA
- In Person

This conference will bring together service providers, system leaders, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness to learn from each other, discuss best practices, and share new innovations in the field.

[NLIHC Housing Policy Forum 2023: Onward to Housing Justice](#)

March 21-23 at the Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The forum will feature a discussion with Federal Housing Financing Agency (FHFA) Director Sandra Thompson about the path forward for ensuring tenant protections and affordable housing for those most in need in America.

[CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2023](#)

May 31 - June 2, 2023, in Philadelphia - In Person

The CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2023 theme is Building the Field. This theme addresses the urgent need for the resources — funding, training, network, and guidance — that equips the supportive housing field to invest in both quality housing and a sustainable and equitable workforce.

Opportunities

The 2023 National Summit + Hill Day

The National Network for Youth (NN4Y) is hosting the 2023 National Summit + Hill Day.

The Summit emphasizes thought leadership and best practices around creating systemic change to prevent and end youth homelessness by providing attendees with experts on a wide range of current topics while creating unique learning environments to immerse attendees in experiences.

This annual Summit will take place **March 2 – 3, 2023** at the Hyatt on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC + virtually from your home or office.

[Click here to more about the event here!](#)

The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness serves as a roadmap for federal action to ensure state and local communities have sufficient resources and guidance to build the effective, lasting systems required to end homelessness. While it is a federal plan, local communities can use it to collaboratively develop local and systems-level plans for preventing and ending homelessness.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Member Spotlight



Good Shepherd Services

[Program Director – Street Outreach](#)

[Program Director - Time-Limited Rental Assistance](#)

Safe Horizon's Streetwork Project

[Peer Services Housing Navigator \(Harlem drop-in center\)](#)

[Other Streetwork Project Job Openings](#)

Please send job postings your organization has to nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov if you would like them to appear on the CoC monthly newsletter.

Join a Committee!

Start the year off right and get involved in a CoC Committee. Currently, Performance Management and Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) are looking for new members. PQI is also looking for an additional co-chair to lead the group.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Stay Connected

The NYC CoC is committed to providing useful information to the community. We want to hear from community members like you. Follow us

[Read Back From Insanity: The Redemptive Power of Work by Mark Hershenson](#)

Mark Hershenson is a long-time CoC community member and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Income Access Committee. Mark is passionate about the power of employment to change lives and has written about his personal experiences in his book *Back From Insanity: The Redemptive Power of Work*, published in 2020. He was instrumental in elevating the topic of Supported Employment within the Income Access Committee and was thrilled to see it reach a larger audience in the recent CoC Public Meeting. He is also working on a second book, with plans to publish later this year.

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Thank you,
[NYC CoC](#)

[Martha Kenton](#), Executive Director of Federal Homeless Policy

[Jonathan Martinez](#), Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships

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