



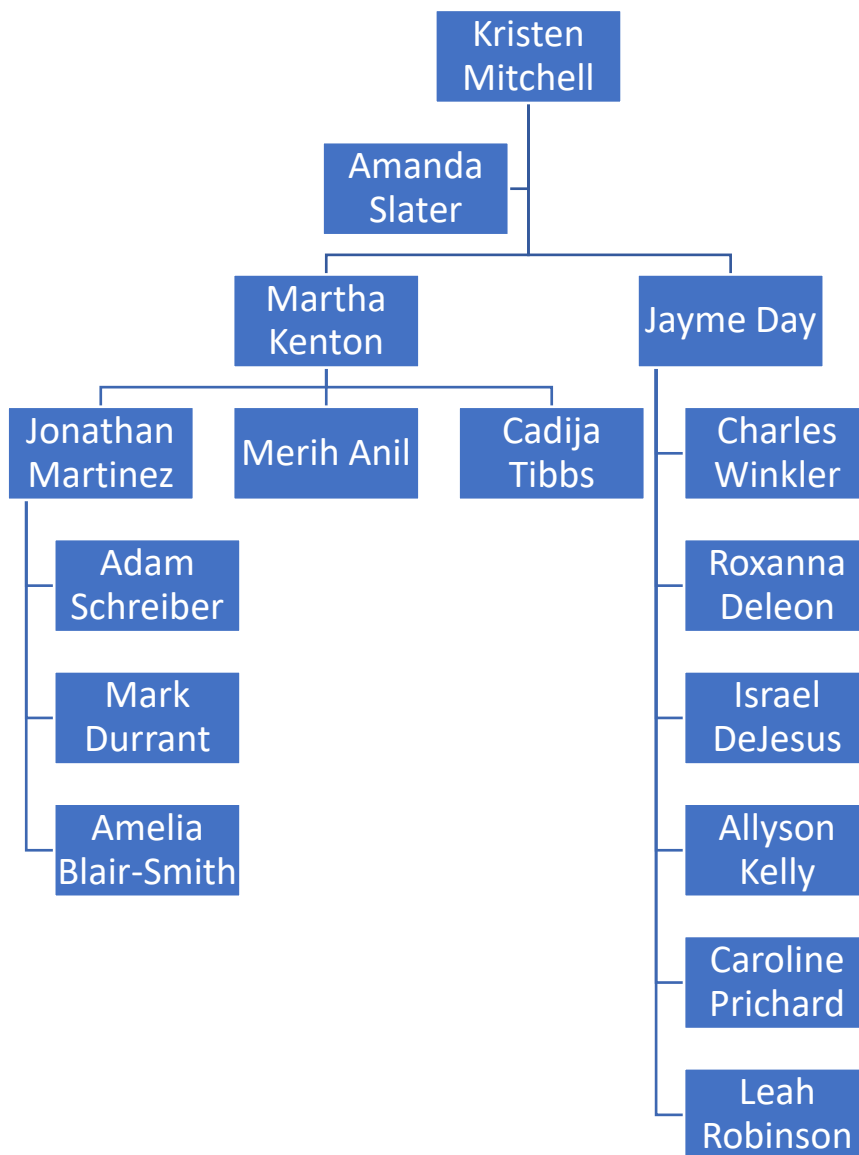
Public Meeting

Thursday, January 26th, 2023
10:00am – 12:00pm

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.

Session One: NYC Continuum of Care Updates

I. The Federal Homelessness Policy and Reporting Team





II. The Steering Committee

**indicates a newly elected member for 2023*

At Large

- Michelle Mulcahy, *Enterprise Community Partners**
- Patricia Hernandez, *Corporation for Supportive Housing*

Coalition

- Tierra Labrada, *The Network**
- Jamie Powlovich, *Coalition for Homeless Youth**
- Catherine Trapani, *Homeless Services United*
- Nicole McVinua, *Association for Community Living*

Government

- Andrea Reid, *Human Resource Administration**
- Emily Osgood, *Housing Preservation and Development*
- Anthony Lee, *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene*
- Yumi Nielson, *Department of Homeless Services*

Non-profit

- Jennie Drossman, *Goddard Riverside**
- Howard Charton, *Breaking Ground*
- Kristen Edwards, *Housing Plus*

PWLEx

- Kadisha Davis*
- Cameron Craig
- Zaqanah Stephens*
- Lyndon Hernandez

III. Project Monitoring

- The NYC CoC Project Monitoring Team is piloting a new monitoring program.
 - Merih Anil will be the contact for all PSH projects
 - Cadija Tibbs for all RRH, TH and TH-RRH projects.
- Why are we doing this?
 - To promote optimal outcomes for CoC tenants
 - To ensure projects are complying with CoC Program rules and regulations
 - To fulfill the oversight obligations of the Collaborative Applicant
 - To identify struggling projects and their address areas of concern
- Compliance review of the following areas:
 - HUD Interim Rule
 - HUD Housing First principles
 - NYC CoC Written Standards
 - NYC CoC HMIS Policies and Procedures



- Housing standards and equal opportunities/Fair Housing
- Annual NOFO

IV. YHDP Implementation

- HUD-funded projects:
 - Host Homes
 - Street Outreach
 - Time-Limited Rental Assistance/RRH (x3)
- Continued efforts on action items in [Coordinated Community Plan](#)

V. HMIS Transition

- The HMIS Warehouse will be transitioning to a new data environment. To accomplish this HMIS will be working with a new vendor, Eccovia selected from a competitive RFP process.
- What does this mean?
 - We will continue to operate as a warehouse
 - You do not need to change your vendor. The only thing that will change is where you upload data.
 - You can continue to use your source system and we will work with providers to ensure that all systems are communicating efficiently.
- Listening session will be hosted in February for all end users (TBD).

VI. 2023 Evaluation

- Results will be posted on NYC CoC website at the beginning of next week (organized by grantee #)
- Appeals submission
 - Forms will be posted on NYC CoC website and sent out along with announcement of scores
 - Appeals Committee will meet late February/early March
- Timeline for remainder of Eval - spend-down for Nov/Dec '22 projects completed along w/final results published 1st week of April
- Quarterly evaluations will start in February and pertain only to the HMIS Tool performance metrics
- PQI will follow up with low performing projects (HMIS Tool score below 55) in late February/early March, late April/early May, and July
- Projects will be expected to provide an explanation as to lower performance and corrective action steps to be taken
- Goal is to be able to work with projects in real-time during FFY to help improve performance, not address it after FFY year is already complete

VII. 2023 HIC/PIT

- Surveys were sent Tuesday, January 24th
 - Due Tuesday, February 7th



- All NYC Projects serving homeless or homeless-at-entry individual are required to participate
- [HIC PIT Data Collection Summary](#)
- If you have any questions or issues with your agency’s survey links, please reach out to the HMIS team at DSSHMIS@dss.nyc.gov.

VIII. SSI Legislative Proposal

- The proposed bill seeks to exclude some compensation received by a person with lived experience of homelessness for their consultation services when calculating their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit amount.
 - **Fact Sheet:** [SSI Legislative Proposal Fact Sheet](#)
 - **Show Support:** [Legislative Affairs \(lahsa.org\)](http://lahsa.org)
 - **Share the Survey:** [Anonymous Benefits and Income Survey for Lived Experience Advocates](#)
 - **Contact:** Samantha Vethavanam, *Legislative Affairs Analyst*, svethavanam@lahsa.org

Session Two: Supported Employment

I. Paul Margolies, PhD and Karen Broadway-Wilson: The Center for Practice Innovations

- Mission: In a rapidly changing healthcare environment, CPI delivers a wide array of training to increase the competencies of the NYS behavioral health workforce and implementation supports to ensure the successful application of that training within agencies and organizations.

The presentation slides and recording will be posted on the CoC website’s [Provider Resources page](#).

[Click here to learn more!](#)

II. Sarah Curren: The Center for Urban Community Services

- Mission: All over New York City we are helping individuals and families rise from poverty, exit homelessness, and be healthy.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

III. Back from Insanity: The Redemptive Power of Work

- 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 *BackFrom 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.