



## New York City Continuum of Care June 2025 Public Meeting


9:30am – 12:00pm | 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 101, New York, NY 10011






*NYC Department of Social Services - Federal Homeless Policy & Reporting Unit*

June 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

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## Ground Rules



-  One mic/refrain from speaking while someone else has the mic
-  Speak/engage in first draft
-  Respect differences in experience and understanding
-  Hold questions until the presenter(s) open(s) the conversation
-  Share ideas and resources

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# Agenda



-  Welcome
-  The LGBT Community Center (The Center)
-  The NYC Dept. of Social Services (DSS)
-  The NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
-  Hetrick Martin Institute (HMI)
-  Ali Forney Center
-  10 Minute Break
-  Continuum of Care Updates
-  How to Stay Connected
-  Open Q/A

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## We Have a New Director!

DIRECTOR OF CONTINUUM OF CARE ENGAGEMENT AND PROJECT OVERSIGHT



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# Welcome!



## Overview:

Public Meetings provide an opportunity for peer networking and information sharing between the NYC Continuum of Care (CoC) and out partners. Due to the continued uncertainty surrounding federal funding, the NYC CoC will be dedicating time during Part Two of this meeting to address existing guidance, advocacy efforts, and any related questions.

## Hosts:

- **Jonathan R. Martinez** | Director of Continuum of Care Engagement and Project Oversight
- **Kristen Mitchell** | Associate Commissioner/CoC Steering Committee Co-chair

## Team Shoutouts:

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Team
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Team
- Steering Committee Members
- All Committee and Workgroups Members

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# The LGBT Community Center

**Location:** 208 West 13th Street, Room 101, New York, NY 10011

**Mission:** Empowering LGBTQ+ people and building a strong community. New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center empowers people to lead healthy, successful lives. The Center celebrates diversity and advocates for justice and opportunity.

**Presenter:** Natasha Jones, Senior Director of Community Programs

**THE  
CENTER**  
THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL &  
TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY CENTER

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## NYC Dept. of Social Services (DSS)

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**Location:** 150 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10007

**Mission:** The DSS is comprised of the administrative units of the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Department of Homeless Services (DHS). Through integrated management for HRA and DHS, client services can be provided more seamlessly and effectively. The City leverages shared services functions across agencies, which results in better day-to-day management and building an integrated mission across agencies.

**Presenter:** Brent Whitfield, Director of LGBTQI Affairs



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## NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

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**Location:** 42-09 28th St, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Mission:** Every day, we protect and promote the health of more than 8 million New Yorkers by providing essential health services, promoting public health initiatives, preventing the spread of disease, and many other unseen efforts that keep our city safe and healthy.

**Presenter:** Ryan Kirrane, LGBTQ Health Projects Coordinator



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## Hetrick Martin Institute

**Location:** 740 Broadway, 2 Astor Pl, New York, NY 10003

**Mission:** HMI believes all young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential. HMI creates this environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) youth between the ages of 13 and 24 and their families.

**Presenter:** Leniere Miley, Program Manager



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## Ali Forney Center

**Location:** 307 W 38th St, New York, NY 10018

**Mission:** Our mission is to protect LGBTQ+ and at-risk youths from the harms of homelessness and empower them with the tools needed to live independently.

**Presenters:**

Bianca Stewart (she/her), Senior Director of Housing Programs

Kayce Williams (she/her), Program Director for Transitional Housing



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## NYC CoC Updates



**Announcements**



**Special Election**



**HUD Field Office**



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## CoC Speaker Series



**Overview:** The CoC Speaker Series is designed to bring leaders and trailblazers from across the field of housing and homelessness to speak with the Continuum and our partnership.

**Ask:** We need your help to identify these future speakers! The next time you attend a conference or webinar, listen to a podcast, or read an article that relates to housing and homelessness, take note. If you think the content would be a good fit for the Speaker Series, let the NYC CoC know.

**Contact:** Mark Durrant, CoC Project Manager at [durrantm@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:durrantm@dss.nyc.gov)

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## Conference Opportunity



**Title:** NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialist

**Overview:** This conference is held specifically for New York City Peer Specialists working in mental health and substance use settings, including programs and initiatives engaging family, youth, and justice impacted populations. If you are a peer specialist looking to enhance your knowledge, skills, and abilities relevant to peer support values and practices, this conference will offer opportunities for critical dialogue on career development; trends in service provision; supervision; staff wellness and self-care; holistic practice; and the arts.



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## Special Election



### Marbin Estiben

- I have a strong interest in expanding my reach and experience with the NYC CoC, building on my ongoing work in youth homelessness advocacy. As a Youth Ambassador at Covenant House and an Independent Living Counselor at Good Shepherds, I work closely with young people experiencing homelessness, helping them navigate support systems with dignity and respect. I recently had the opportunity to speak in Washington, DC about my lived experience, and I continue to advocate for policy and service improvements for homeless youth. I see this as an important opportunity to further contribute my voice, experience, and knowledge to support system-level change in NYC.

### Ibrahima Sory Bah

- I am a youth with lived experience who wants to make a difference for other youths.

### Amadou Diaw

- I am passionate about access to shelter and services for youth. I am an active member in my drop-in community. I volunteer to translate, I have helped run groups/town halls and I am part of the client advisory board. In the advisory board committee we bring ideas and feedback from clients to help make the space better for everyone. I also have lived experience with homelessness and struggles with accessing services and resources. I have can add to the diverse perspectives as someone who has lived experience different shelters, immigration, accessing youth services with different programs including training programs. I also speak 3 languages in addition to English. I have realized the changes that committees can make on the services we receive after participating in the advisory board I want to do that on a larger scale.

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## CoC Meetings in 2025



### PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Cadence:** Quarterly

**Location:** In-person, The LGBT Community Center

**March Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**June Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

**September Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

**December Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

### GRANTEE MEETINGS

**Cadence:** Quarterly

**Location:** Virtual - Zoom

**March Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**June Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

**September Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**December Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## HUD Field Office Departures



### Departed HUD Field Office CPD Representatives:

Michelle Thompson, Jose Velez, Clarice Thomas, James Amenta

### Current HUD Field Office CPD Representatives:

Amy Apple, Matthew Applegate

### Grantee Guidance:

All representatives that have left have an auto reply that instructs grantees to email a general inbox with questions and/or requests. Once said questions and/or requests are received, the field office will assign and respond accordingly. **Email:** [CPD\\_Correspondence\\_NYC@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_Correspondence_NYC@hud.gov)

If an immediate response is required, we will work together to email the Field Office CPD Leadership, Celia Jones and Abigail Ford.

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## NYC Joined Litigation



### Overview:

- In March, NYC Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) received three CoC grant agreements for renewal that included new conditions for funding. These new conditions have little to no bearing on the rental assistance to homeless households the funds support and are very different from the sorts of conditions that had been included in HUD CoC grant agreements in the past.
- New York City joined a coalition of cities and counties led by King County, Washington in a lawsuit challenging these improper conditions.

### Timeline:

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – NYC announced it was joining litigation
  - Press release issued
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Hearing in King County, et al. v. Turner, et al.
  - TRO granted
- **May 21<sup>th</sup>** – Preliminary Injunction (PI) Hearing in King County et al. v. Turner et al.
  - Judge ruled from bench that she will grant the PI
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Order granting updated/second TRO
  - To be in place until PI is ordered
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Order granting Plaintiffs' First and Second Motion for Preliminary Injunction
  - Additional plaintiffs joined litigation

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## Renewal Season



**Overview:** HUD released the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO last summer. This is the first **two-year CoC Program NOFO**. FY2024 was submitted October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and awarded January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. FY2025 is a renewal only submission due August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### Timeline (estimate)

- **June 2025** - Grant Inventory Worksheet
- **July 2025** - Renewal Submission in e-snaps
- **August 2025** - NYC Continuum of Care Review
- **August 29<sup>th</sup> 2025** - NYC Continuum of Care Submits Renewals to HUD

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## How to Get Ready!



1. Ensure your Unique Entity ID (UEI) is up to date in SAM.gov
2. Review your current grant details and prepare for GIW confirmation
3. Identify your agency e-snaps users and ensure access to the system
4. **Communicate any concerns about your renewal right away!**
  - The sooner we know there is an issue the better we can work with you to find a solution
5. Confirm your project listing on the GIW and submit necessary change forms (when available)
  - Changes over 10% of a budget lines item (BLI) require a grant amendment

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## How to Stay Connected



- **NYC Continuum of Care Mailing List**
  - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nyccoc/index.page>
- **HUD Exchange**
  - <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/>
- **National Homelessness Law Center (NHLIC)**
  - <https://homelessnesslaw.org/subscribe/>
- **National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Mailing List**
  - <https://endhomelessness.org/>
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) Mailing List**
  - <https://nlihc.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e702259618becdc3f0451bd5d&id=e090383b5e>
- **SHNNY Newsletter**
  - <https://shnny.org/>
- **NYU Furman Center**
  - <https://furmancenter.org/signup>
- **The City of NY**
  - <https://www.nyc.gov/connect/newsletter-sign-up.page>

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# Feedback Survey



Don't miss your opportunity to tell us how we did!



**100% Anonymous**

*(unless you write your name somewhere)*

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## Open Q/A

PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PLACE YOUR QUESTION IN THE CHAT

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