



## Youth Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** 5/26/20

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 3:30 – 5:00

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### Items Discussed

1. Present: Barbara Andrews, Kelly O’Sullivan, Cole Giannone, Jamie Powlovich, Amanda Slater, Martha Kenton, Jha’asryel Bishop, Cathy Batista, Alyson Zikmund, Constance Barry, Randy Scott, Sam Miller, Brian Crozier, Amy Wilkerson, Annie Minguez, Karim Lewis, Nataly M
2. Announcements
  - a. Sam Miller – sharing info about Family Reunification Program (FUP) Thursday 5/28 from 10-11:30 to help address homelessness for youth in foster care
  - b. Foster youth to independence initiative - [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/fyi\\_tpv](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi_tpv)
3. CoC steering committee updates
  - a. Adopted By Laws and Governance Charter
  - b. Did survey with CoC grantees about how people are dealing with COVID, HUD waivers
  - c. Reviewed Continuum’s performance in 2019 NOFA – lost some points due to issues out of control and significant points due to decreasing number of beds for RRH in HIC
  - d. Unclear if NOFA this year will be competitive or just renewals. Pending legislation.
4. YHDP update
  - a. Heading into year 4 of HUD granting communities funds for new programming to end youth homelessness (unclear if NOFA will be released this year or next since there is talk about merging Rounds 4 and 5). NYC was denied last 3 years. Obtained a consultant to help NYC’s application for this round, Matt Aronson.
5. Youth collaboration
  - a. YAB
    - i. Changed governance from co-chairs to co-coordinators who act as organizers for larger community of young people experiencing homelessness.
    - ii. Co-coordinators – are two voting members on CoC Steering Committee and on National Forum
    - iii. Supports CHY with daily bed numbers and bi-weekly updates/webcasts
    - iv. Trying to figure out how to connect with young people during COVID – to understand what people are experiencing and learn how to articulate this
    - v. Want to see greater participation in writing process with young people across boroughs
  - b. Providers can host Zoom forums for YAB and Jamie can supply providers with payment to compensate people



6. Rental assistance during COVID
  - a. Providers working with young people to change rent amounts with City/Federal vouchers if income changes
  - b. New waiver memo for RRH rental assistance – can provide an additional 3 months (totaling 27 months)  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional\\_Waivers\\_for\\_CPD\\_Grant\\_Programs\\_to\\_Prevent\\_COVID-19\\_Spread\\_and\\_Mitigate\\_COVID-19\\_Economic\\_Impacts.pdf?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=6dafa660a1-SNAPS-COVID-19-Digest-05-26-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-6dafa660a1-19413193](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional_Waivers_for_CPD_Grant_Programs_to_Prevent_COVID-19_Spread_and_Mitigate_COVID-19_Economic_Impacts.pdf?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=6dafa660a1-SNAPS-COVID-19-Digest-05-26-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-6dafa660a1-19413193)
7. Mobile tool
  - a. City in process of final contract with vendor to begin creation of mobile tool for young people experiencing homelessness. This will help people access live real time services vs just creating a list of available services for people to call and outreach on their own. This is continuing to move forward.
8. Evaluation update
  - a. CoC met with providers to gather input about how COVID has impacted performance metrics to determine if CoC will need to alter evaluation tool if there's a competitive NOFA this year

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**Action Items**

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