



Youth Committee Meeting Summary

Date: 9/22/20

Location: Zoom

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Items Discussed

1. **Present:** Amy Wilkerson (Sheltering Arms), Jamie Powlovich (CHY), Amanda Slater (DSS), Martha Kenton (DSS), Alyson Zikmund (HPD), Barbara Andrews (ACF), Laura Masuch (SHNNY), Annie Mínguez (Good Shepherd), Brooke McPherson (Good Shepherd), Cole Gianone, Annette Lacoot (Housing Works), A. Ortiz (Housing Works), Sam Miller (HUD), Stephanie (Housing Works), Constance Barry (Jericho), Kelly O’Sullivan (Jericho), Randy (DYCD)
2. **Announcements:**
 - Annie – DACA recipients putting together a group event. Details to come!
 - Children’s cabinet – adolescent subcommittee looking for speakers (topics: mental health, youth engagement, training and support for staff, access to higher education. Good opportunity to connect with city government leadership. Email Cole if interested.
3. **FUP Vouchers**
 - HPD has FUP vouchers. Getting most referrals through ACS, but open to others sending referrals. HPD can help coordinate with ACS to check eligibility
 - **Populations:**
 - i. **Youth FUP:**
 1. 18- not more than 24 at the time of finding housing
 - a. Who are in foster care and are going to be discharged within 90 days and who are at risk of homelessness
 - b. Who were in foster care up to age 16 or older and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 2. Vouchers are limited to 36 months once housed, possibility of extension
 - ii. **Family FUP:**
 1. Delay in discharge or imminent placement of child out of the home.
 2. No limit on voucher use as long as they still are eligible.
 - iii. **Eligibility:**
 1. Eligible immigration status (at least 1 household member)
 2. 80% AMI maximum income
 3. Cannot be a lifetime sex offender
 4. Cannot have been convicted of producing methamphetamine in federally assisted housing
 5. Cannot have Debt owed to another PHA (dual subsidy)
 - **Referrals:**
 - i. ACS- signs a form confirming eligibility. Paul Williams (youth) and Judi Trotter (family) Judi.Trotter@acs.nyc.gov paul.williams@acs.nyc.gov



4. CoC Steering Committee updates:

- Continuum has submitted a comment against HUD changing regulation to allow providers to refuse service to trans people
- If YAB members turn 25 during course of term, they'll serve out their term
- CoC Action Plan – lots of good feedback from YAB to push continuum forward, especially as it relates to people with lived experience. Going to rework this section of Action Plan. How can we get more youth involved in this committee?

5. Evaluation Tool Update

- Finalizing evaluation tools (survey and HMIS) to be approved by Steering Committee and then go out to providers in mid-October.
- Trying to get to the place where we finalize evaluation tools to be used the year before, keeping conversations in performance management committee to what changes should be made in following year
- Will be separate tool for RRH programs

6. YHDP Update

- Working on YHDP application although it's not out yet. Had kick off meeting and came up with ideas for application – cash transfers, thriving spring board (access to education, social capital, cash transfers, etc.), streamlining resources regardless of what homeless system young people are coming from (City FHEPS for DYCD not just DHS). If interested in being more involved, email Cole.

7. YAB Recruitment

- The YAB is actively looking for new members. Recently changed structure to have 2 co-coordinators and general YAB involvement open to all 16-24 year olds with lived experience of homelessness. Meetings are every other Wednesday from 11:30-12:30. Meetings are open for people to attend as available and youth will be paid via Venmo \$10 per meeting (rate may go up). No application needed. Will start each meeting with basic overview of YAB and people will fill out sheet with contact info and option to be added to listserv. With this new structure there's been increased attendance from all program types.

8. Case Conferences

Action Items

- Programs – refer youth to FUP vouchers
- Programs – try to recruit youth with lived experience to participate in this committee
- Providers – share YAB flyer in office and on social channels.
- HPD – collaborate with DOHMH to try to create sample set of house rules

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- CoC – working on creating written standards with providers as audience
- Providers – share any new ideas programs are implementing with Martha and team