

# NYC CoC Newsletter

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**NYC** Continuum  
**CoC** of Care



## NYC CoC Steering Committee Adopts New Governance Charter

## CoC-Related Updates

### NYC CoC Governing Documents

The NYC CoC Steering Committee adopted the new Governance Charter, which addresses the policies and procedures of the NYC CoC.

In addition, the Steering Committee adopted new changes to the Bylaws, which outline key operational components of the CoC.

Let us know what you think of these new governing documents at [nyccoc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nyccoc@dss.nyc.gov).

[Check out the newly adopted Governance Charter here](#)

### SOAR Online Course Review Session

**Wed., June 17, 2020**  
**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EDT**

[Register today!](#)

The SOAR Workgroup is holding an Online Course Review session for case managers that have completed SOAR training.

This review course will take place via Zoom. Only those registered will be emailed the Zoom conference link.

Please contact the SOAR Workgroup Co-Chairs, [Lucy Freeman](#) and [Amanda Slater](#), with any questions.

### Federal Updates:

#### Newly Released Mega Waivers

To provide additional flexibility to communities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and better assist individuals and families, including those experiencing homelessness infected with the virus or economically impacted by the virus, the U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) released new Mega Waivers on May 22.

### Virtual NYC CoC Grantee Meeting

On May 29, the NYC CoC

[The attached memorandum](#) explains the new waivers and availability for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Programs:

- Permanent Housing Rapid Re-housing Limit to 24 Months of Rental Assistance
- Limit to be Eligible for DedicatedPLUS Project When Coming from Transitional Housing Being Eliminated
- Assistance Available at Time of Renewal\*\*
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing Monthly Case Management

Recipients wishing to utilize any of the waivers provided [in the memorandum](#) should notify their local [CPD Director](#), by email, of their intent to utilize a specific waiver flexibility **two days** before they anticipate using the waiver flexibility.

**\*\*Please note:** this waiver has a different notification process outlined in the memorandum.

*HUD released additional Mega Waivers on April 1.* To learn more about them, [please view the HUD Exchange.](#)

## CARES Act Evictions Moratorium

HUD published [an FAQs document and flyer](#) to provide guidance on Section 4024 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Section 4024 of the CARES Act imposes a [temporary moratorium on evictions](#). The eviction moratorium went into effect on March 27, 2020, upon the enactment of the CARES Act, and will be in effect for 120 days from that date. The temporary eviction moratorium applies to Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs.

## City Resources & Updates:

### Income Recertification

A reminder to recertify tenants' income if there have been any changes during this time. To learn more about the recertification legislation and process, [please review slides 10 and 11 from the Virtual Grantee Meeting PowerPoint.](#)

### Food Access

- Individual tenant sign-up via [this link](#)
- Transitioning from bulk delivery to individual delivery by July 1
- Get Food will train building staff to become “trusted enrollers” for tenants

hosted a Virtual Grantee Meeting. Topics covered were COVID-19 response and resources as well as Performance Management, HMIS, and CAPS/Coordinated Entry updates. To view the Grantee Meeting PowerPoint, [visit the CoC website here.](#)

Please contact the HUD Field Office or [Martha Kenton](#) on questions related to contract renewals and waiver requests.

## Job Openings within the CoC

### Harlem United

**Multiple positions offered** [view current job listing by clicking here.](#)

### Lower Eastside Service Center

**Multiple positions offered** [view current job listings by clicking here.](#)

### Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

**Multiple positions offered** [view current job listing by clicking here.](#)



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- More to come from NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) and Supportive Housing Network of New York (The Network)

### Primary Election Day: June 23, 2020

Under the Governor's Executive Order 202.15: To prevent the community spread of COVID-19, all registered voters may apply for an Absentee Ballot to vote in the upcoming June 23, 2020 elections.

Request your mail-in ballot by June 16; Early voting June 13-21.

To learn more about the Absentee Ballot and process, [visit NYC Votes website](#).

### NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD): Process Change Notifications

HPD has been working to amend their processes for a remote work environment due to the need for social distancing. The attached document outlines changes in the following processes: Briefings, Vouchers, HQS, Certification Forms, and more. To learn more, [please see attached pdf document](#).

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### Racial Equity Resources from National Stakeholders:

*The NYC CoC is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We compiled a list of resources from our national stakeholders on racial equity and justice related to housing and homelessness. Please see below:*

#### National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH):

- [The Alliance's Racial Equity Network Toolkit](#)
- [The Alliance's Racial Equity Network Action Steps](#)
- [Using Your Data to Analyze Racial Disparities During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [The Intersection of Homelessness, Race, and the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [State of Homelessness: A Look at Race and Ethnicity](#)

#### HUD & U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH):

- HUD: [CoC Analysis Tool: Race and Ethnicity](#)
- USICH: Understanding HUD's racial equity tool: ["Advancing Racial Equity In The Fight To End Homelessness Webinar"](#)
- USICH: [Resources To Help Develop Knowledge And Solutions For Tackling Racial Inequity](#)

below to learn more:



- USICH: [Advancing Employment, Equity, and an End To Homelessness: The Pathways Forward Challenge](#)
- USICH: [Centering Youth Of Color & LGBTQ Young People In Efforts To End Homelessness](#)

**Point Source Youth (PSY):**

- ["Examining Race, Power & Privilege Dismantling Structural Barriers" Conversation](#)
- ["Race & Privilege: A Conversation with Youth and Providers"](#)

**Additional Stakeholders:**

- **National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC):** [Policy Priorities on Racial Equity and Fair Housing](#)
- **Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH):** [Race Equity Framework for the Connecticut Homeless & Housing System](#)
- **National Health Care for the Homeless Council (HCH):** [Anti-Racism page that includes resources, articles, and reports](#)
- **Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC):** [A C4 Racial Equity Initiative](#)
- **Funders Together to End Homelessness'** [Racial Equity Resources list](#)

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