



New York Continuum of Care September 2025 Public Meeting


10:00am – 12:00pm | 208 West 13th Street, Room 301, New York, NY 10011






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

September 9th 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




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
 Networking Activity


 My Dog is My Home

 10 Minute Break

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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

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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Networking Activity



Step One: Create a group of 4-5 people

- The people around you are fine, but if you're sitting with your co-worker or best friend, try and join a different group.

Step Two: Introduce yourself

- Name | Organization (if applicable) | What brought you here today?

Step Three: Follow a prompt

- Name one work-related project you excited about
- Share how you got started working in housing and social services
- Share a success story from your personal work experience or one your heard about that keeps you inspired.

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My Dog is My Home

SHOSHANA MOSTOLLER (SHE/HER), STORYTELLING FACILITATOR & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST

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Housing People and Their Animals Together

Prepared by My Dog Is My Home

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Speakers

Shoshana Mostoller, MSW, VSW

Jillian McMillian



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The Human-Animal Bond

...a mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviors considered essential to the health and well-being of both"

American Medical Veterinary Association



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Pet Attachment and Grief During Homelessness



- Studies show that pet owners who are experiencing homelessness have a stronger attachment to their pets than housed pet owners.
- Homelessness is a deeply traumatic experience with constant threats on physical and emotional safety.
- Animals serve as a vital source of comfort and stability.



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Co-Sheltering Policies

- Animal health
- Cleanliness
- Animal abuse, neglect, or abandonment
- Managing animal behaviors
- Managing fears and allergies
- Spaces where animals can be within the shelter



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New York State Legislation

- [S673](#) / [A1693](#): Would establish the housing people and animals together grant program to expand access for co-sheltering people experiencing homelessness and victims of domestic violence with companion animals. The intent of this grant program is to further reduce barriers to interim housing for people experiencing homelessness and victims of domestic violence with companion animals by providing funding assistance to organizations and municipal shelters that serve such populations.
- [S7612](#) / [A8375](#): Would establish a co-shelter toolkit of best practices, resources, case studies and other information deemed helpful to inform and encourage the implementation and sustenance of co-shelter models for victims of domestic violence and people experiencing homelessness with companion animals.



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Federal Legislation

Pupp Act

The bipartisan Providing for Unhoused People with Pets (PUPP) Act of 2025 introduced by Representatives Jason Crow (D-CO) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), aims to include access to shelter for unhoused individuals by ensuring families, veterans, and individuals with pets have access to facilities with proper accommodations and veterinary services. Specifically, the bill authorizes the HUD secretary to award grants to acquire, renovate, rehabilitate, re-purpose, retrofit, or construct a property to be used to accommodate unhoused individuals with pets, and to fund pet-related operating costs.

Appropriations: This bill would authorize \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year 2026 through 2030.



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Resources

Local veterinary care resources

- [ASPCA animal hospital](#)
- [Positive Tails](#)
- [Animal Medical Center financial assistance fund](#)
- [Animal Care Centers of NYC](#)
- [Pets of the Homeless](#)

Animal welfare concerns

- To report animal cruelty in NYC, call 311. To report crimes in progress, call 911.
 - ASPCA
 - NYPD Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad

Supplies

- [Pets of the Homeless sleeping crate program](#)
- [Pets of the Homeless pet food bank](#)
- [Animal Care Centers of NYC](#)



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MDIMH Resources

- [My Dog Is My Home](#)
- [The Co-Sheltering Collaborative](#)
 - [Next quarterly meeting is November 20th](#)
- [New York Working Group](#)
- My Dog Is My Home Conference (Virtual)- March 24-26, 2026

For Training or Technical Assistance email
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Thank you!

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NYC CoC Updates



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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 CoC Speaker Series, let the NYC CoC know.

Contact: Mark Durrant, CoC Project Manager at durrantm@dss.nyc.gov

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2025 Annual Election



9 out of 17 seats will be available on the NYC CoC Steering Committee

- One (1) At-Large seat
- Two (2) Coalition seats
- Two (2) Government seats
- Two (2) Non-profit seats
- Two (2) Person With Lived Experience (PWLEx) Seats

Timeline

- October 1st - Application opens
- October 22nd - Application closes
- November 5th - Presentation of candidates + Voting opens
- November 21st - Voting closes

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Upcoming CoC Meetings



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Cadence: Quarterly

Location: In-person, The LGBT Community Center

~~March Public Meeting~~
Tuesday, March 11th

~~June Public Meeting~~
Tuesday, June 10th

~~September Public Meeting~~
Tuesday, September 9th

December Public Meeting
Tuesday, December 9th

GRANTEE MEETINGS

Cadence: Quarterly

Location: Virtual - Zoom

~~March Public Meeting~~
Wednesday, March 5th

~~June Public Meeting~~
Wednesday, June 4th

September Public Meeting
On Hold

December Public Meeting
Wednesday, December 3rd

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HUD Field Office



Current HUD Field Office CPD Representatives:

Abigail Ford, Celia Jones, Amy Apple, Matthew Applegate, Meira (Mimi) Barrett

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

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What is the NYC CoC doing?

Local – New York City (NYC)

- Engaging local government agencies, direct service providers, coalitions, and advocacy groups
- Consulting with DSS Legal and the NYC Law Department
- Hosting special and quarterly grantee meetings
- Holding quarterly public meetings

State – New York State (NYS)

- Participating in monthly meetings with CoC leaders across NYS
- Partnering with local advocacy organizations

National – United States

- Collaborating with national organizations such as:
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)
 - National Homelessness Law Center (NHLC)

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Litigation

King County v. Turner (Grant Agreements)

- **May 2** – NYC joins litigation (press release issued)
- **May 7** – Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) granted
- **June 3** – Preliminary Injunction officially granted
- **June 10** – Defendants appeal to Ninth Circuit
- **June 10-11** – Lawsuit expanded to 60 local governments and HHS grants
- **August 12** – Additional Preliminary Injunction officially granted
 - **August 15** – Answering brief due
 - **September 12** – Optional reply brief due

State of New York v. U.S. Department of Justice (PRWORA)

- **July 11** – Department of Justice (DOJ) issues memorandum on Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) exemptions
- **July 21** – NY State Attorney General files lawsuit challenging the memo
 - Potential outcome: injunction restoring original 2001 DOJ guidelines
 - Enforcement is stayed until September 3

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2025 CoC Program NOFO

WHAT IS THE NYC COC DOING? | HOW SHOULD GRANTEE'S PREPARE?

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2025 CoC Program NOFO



- **June 18th** - HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) issued the FY 2025 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Due July 29th
 - The GIW is used to record all grants within a CoC's geographic area that are eligible for renewal funding in the upcoming CoC Program Competition.
- **July 3rd** - Continuums of Care's (CoC) were informed that HUD intends to publish a NOFO for 2025 CoC awards. CoC's were instructed to prepare for an application focused on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and increasing the earned income of participants.

How to Get Ready!

1. Ensure your Unique Entity ID (UEI) is up to date in SAM.gov
2. Identify your **e-snaps** users & ensure access to the system **by August 15**
3. Communicate any concerns about your renewal right away!

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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 (NHL)**
 - <https://homelesslaw.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