



NYC CCoC Community Meeting

Friday, September 20th, 2019
Hunter College Main Campus, West Building
904 Lexington Ave., 3rd Floor Glass Café
9:30am – 12:00pm

Summary

Co-Chairs Attending: Martha Kenton (DSS), Jeannette Ruffins (West End Residences), Laura Mascuch (The Network)

Coalition Representatives:

Tierra	Labrada	The Network
Howard	Charton	The Network
Catherine	Trapani	Homeless Services United
William	Lang	ACL-NYC
Ana	Rolon	D.V. Providers
Nadia	Chait	The Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies

At-Large Representatives:

Brittney	Vargas	Enterprise
Courtney	Christenson	CSH

Government Representatives:

Alyson	Zikmund	HPD
Sheila	Simmons	OMH
Randy	Scott	DYCD
Kenia	Maldonado	HRA
Jeffery	Seward	DOHMH
Karen	Fuller	US VA

Persons with Lived Experience (PWLEx) Representatives:

Cameron	Craig	PWLEx Committee Voting Member
Peter	Malvan	PWLEx Committee Voting Member
Philip	Malebranche	PWLEx Committee Voting Member
Edna	Humphrey	PWLEx Committee Voting Member
Mary	Hall	PWLEx Committee Voting Member
DeBorah	Dickerson	PWLEx Committee Proxy
William	Stanford Jr.	PWLEx Committee Proxy

Review and approval of August 2019 Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Tierra Labrada made a motion to approve the August Community Meeting Summary. The motion was seconded by Karen Fuller and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements

FHPR Team Update

Martha Kenton (DSS) announced that there has been a transition of temporary workers on the FHPR team. She announced that Alexis, Jonathan, and Catherine finished their summer contracts, and introduced newly hired temporary staff -Aretha, Emma, and Cadija.

YHDP

Martha Kenton reported that NYC was not awarded the YHDP. The CoC will continue to support the Youth Action Board and their work through a two year contract administered by DSS.

CoC Website Launch

Martha Kenton announced the newly launched CoC website, and she displayed a few of its resources and organization. Please send comments or feedback on the new website to Jocelyn Bennett, bennettjoce@dss.nyc.gov.

HMIS Updates

Michael Brydges (DSS) reported that the data quality for the annual assessment decreased from 12% to 5%. Thank you to all of the providers that have worked to improve their data quality and attended the HMIS trainings held by Foothold.

Other Announcements

Cameron Craig (PWLEx Committee Co-Chair) challenged attendees to also remember the 9/11 casualties who were experiencing homelessness.

Philip Malebranche (PWLEx Committee Member) announced that Care For the Homeless is hosting a panel discussion on the trauma of homelessness. This discussion will take place from 9am-12pm on October 1st, at 26 Federal Plaza (6th Floor Conference Room Center). Follow this link to register: <https://www.careforthehomeless.org/events/the-trauma-of-homelessness-policy-seminar-series/>

The House Our Future Campaign is hosting an Overnight Vigil from September 26-27th 26 to urge Mayor de Blasio to commit to creating 24,000 newly constructed apartments and preserving 6000 more for homeless New Yorkers by 2026.

Catherine Trapani (HSU) announced a public hearing at 25 Worth Street on September 24th at 2pm that will focus on DHS's Income Savings Plan. All are welcome to testify their concerns or support of this policy.

2019 NOFA

Charlie Winkler (DSS) gave the following updates on the 2019 NOFA:

- Description of the NOFA
- Reported that 15 new project applications were submitted this year. These applications include an HMIS expansion, DV Coordinated Entry, and Coordinated Entry expansion.
- NOFA Renewal application review is complete.
- Deadline is September 30th. The final CoC Consolidated Application will be posted online following submission.
- Reminded attendees that project performance boosts entire CoC.

Equal Access

Martha Kenton (DSS) gave a presentation on Equal Access. She gave an overview and summary of HUD's Equal Access requirements. She reminded and urged agencies to ensure their Equal Access policies and procedures are up to date and follow HUD requirements. Further information about Equal Access can be found online at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycccoc/governance/coc-policies-procedures.page>

ESG

Martha Kenton (DSS) gave an overview presentation on HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). For each of the funded activities – emergency shelter, street outreach, homeless prevention, and HMIS – she explained their HUD definition and Consolidated Plan initiative. She also provided an update on the formulation of NYC's 2020 Consolidated Plan.

Committee Reports

Policy & Advocacy Committee

No updates.

Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) Committee

No updates.

Youth Committee

See 'YDHP' announcement above.

Youth Action Board

No updates.

CAPS Committee

No updates.

Persons with Lived Experience Committee

Cameron Craig (PWLEx Committee Co-Chair) announced that there are three open seats remaining on committee, and that four applications have been submitted. The committee will vote next meeting on October 8th.

Governance Committee

Meeting directly after the Community Meeting finishes.

Veterans Task Force

No updates.

Grievance Committee

No Grievances.

Data Management Committee

No updates

Evaluation Committee

No updates.

SOAR Taskforce

No updates.