



## Youth Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** 4/28/20

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 3:30 – 5:00

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### Items Discussed

1. Present: Barbara Andrews, Annie Minguez, Brian Crozier, Randy Scott, Kelly O’Sullivan, Cole Giannone, Jamie Powlovich, Alyson Zikmund, Tierra Labrada, Sam Miller, Constance Berry, Amy Wilkerson, Cathy Batista
2. Announcements
  - a. Sam Miller - recommend checking out AWHHA and the work they do
  - b. Barbara Andrews – expediting Economic Stimulus payments (she will send email with info)
  - c. Cov was hoping to be open in June for 21-24 beds but they aren’t going to be able to. Doing final approvals with DOB. Will be 20 M beds. Also opening up a safe house for trafficked 18-24 year old young women in summer in the Bronx.
3. HUD Waivers during COVID – Alyson
  - a. HUD allowing for projects that have leasing \*budget line item in CoC award\* you can go above FMR for rents
  - b. You can do some modification of budget into different lines for rental assistance
  - c. HQS can be done virtually for 3 months after the Stay at Home order is lifted
  - d. Annual inspections can be waived
  - e. You have to write to the local office 2 days in advance of when you plan to implement them. There isn’t a formal approval process. 2 days after you notify them you can start using your waiver. You have to have the P&P written but that’s about it.
  - f. CoC is surveying providers to see if folks are asking for waivers. Jericho and Cov did.
4. Steering Committee recap – Kelly
  - a. Governance Charter was presented. Will be voted on next time.
  - b. HUD TA provider to do post-COVID planning, youth committee will be able to participate
5. FUP vouchers – Alyson
  - a. HPD was awarded 28 new FUP vouchers – delaying start date until 9/1
  - b. Let Alyson know if you have young people you think are eligible
  - c. Let Alyson know if you have any feedback about the process and how to make it work better in NYC



- d. If a client has a Section 8 voucher but hasn't moved yet, client will be given an automatic extension after the stay-at-home order is completed
6. YAB update – Jamie
    - a. The YAB restructured early March, the previous 10 person board is no more, now, there are 2 YAB coordinators that run all of the work of the YAB: Jha'sryel and Maddox (they are also Steering Committee voting members)
    - b. They will be hosting bi-monthly open meetings for any young person
    - c. They are hosting CommuniTEA zoom meetings, tomorrow is the first one, they are doing these biweekly. Some will be open forum and others will be more topic driven.
    - d. The YAB requested a meeting with the CoC chairs to discuss ESG funding that is coming through the CARES Act to make sure some of those funds go to youth services. Some ideas are:
      - i. Peer Navigators
      - ii. Strengthening Street Outreach
    - e. YAB will be submitting a document to DSS with their ideas
  7. Rent Reforms – great news overall but there was some gray area in the statute that was intended to allow for a more formal eviction process for PSH. But, the way it was passed in statute made it so that all things considered “programs” have to go through as lawful eviction process. We had a case recently in NYC with a young person in a DYCD TIL program. This is very concerning. OCFs, legal advocates and DYCD are all aware. We aren't sure how this state statute impacts federally funded programs like HUD-CoC or ACF FYSB RHY programs, etc.
    - a. DYCD legal, NYC law department and the provider have been in communication about this.
  8. DYCD – There are some questions that have come out around supportive housing from RHY providers, who can we direct these questions to for responses in writing?
    - a. What supportive housing resources are available during COVID?
    - b. What are the programs youth can apply to now?
    - c. What about youth who are pending placement prior to COVID?
    - d. Are there actions providers should take?
      - i. Alyson – recommend reaching out to Jennifer Kelly at HRA.
  9. Masks
    - a. Items are generally more available now, but if any of the youth CoC programs need masks, Jamie/CHY can get you some, let her know