



## Youth Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** 3/24/20

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 3:30-5

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### Items Discussed

#### 1. Announcements

- 2020 Census – postponed to 4/29-5/1 for shelter facilities
- CDC- released guidance for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and coronavirus
- Resources from HUD/CDC webinar - <https://www.usich.gov/covid-19>
- CHY – policy proposal to freeze expiration of 2010e. More info will be sent to members

#### 2. Updates from Providers

- Most are fully or partially remote – providing mental health and other social services remotely. Working well for those youth with access to technology. Hard for those who don't have phone, laptop, or access to free Wi-Fi with businesses closing
- Access to food – having trouble delivering food to client with online grocery providers. Some restaurants are donating meals.
- Issues with staff coverage –child care, health issues, anxiety, quarantining
- Laptops and cellphones – Covenant House has some partners donating laptops. CoC asked AAQ and HUD if CoC RRH projects can use grant funds to provide laptops/cellphones/Wi-Fi to participants. Pending response
- Supporting staff – meditation, remote work
- Shelter in place/social distancing – discouraging guests. Reduced shelter to 8 pm.
- NYC DOE Enrichment centers - Placement is not guaranteed. 10% of slots have been reserved for non profit staff (right now there are currently no allotments for nonprofit staff, except for DHS and HRA contractors). If you are not deployed at a REC, you can fill out the online enrollment at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDNFMoezuG9mCu99utf3dkloTpdEhzBB1ancwlaeT3ny7uEQ/viewform>
- Losing employment – lots of young people losing jobs. Young people are bored. Amazon and grocery stores are hiring. Providers should not worry about APR. Focus on health and daily operations vs program outcomes. This is a unique time in history across the country.
- Volunteers- available through NY Cares but can be challenging to come up with projects and manage them. Don't want to add additional people coming to site/interacting with youth to minimize the risk
- As part of contract amendments allowed by MOCS right now, providers could consider hiring youth who lost employment as peer workers.
- HPD – restarted vacant inspections. Can email Alyson Z to trouble shoot any issues but moves should continue to happen. CoC and 15/15 can just be moved in. HUD working on waivers for Section 8 HQS
- HUD – may be able to get extensions for program outcomes



3. Steering committee update
    - Only 1 project de-funded in Tier 2
    - 3 new projects awarded including 1 youth project
    - No grant agreements issued yet. CoC is working on this with HUD. Email Martha K with any concerns.
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### **Action Items**

1. Covenant House send resources for food donations and free wifi
  2. Good Shepherd send follow up info with NYC DOE Enrichment Centers.
  3. CoC coordinate with HUD to see if CoC RRH providers can purchase laptops with grant funds.
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