



CoC Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Friday, August 20th, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Co-Chairs in attendance: Kristen Mitchell (DSS), Alyson Zikmund (HPD), and Jha'asryel-Akquil Bishop.

Voting Members in attendance: Kristin Miller (CSH alternate), Michelle Mulcahy (Enterprise), William Lang (ACL), Laura Mascuch (The Network alternate), Catherine Trapani (HSU), Jamie Powlovich (CHY), Tony Lee (DOHMH alternate), Kevin Thrun (DHS), Bruce Jordan (HRA), Howard Charton (Breaking Ground), Roberta Solomon (Goddard Riverside), Cameron Craig (PWLEx), and Maddox Guerilla (YAB).

Additional attendees: Martha Kenton (DSS), Amanda Slater (DSS), Melissa Stevenson (DSS), Charlie Winkler (DSS), Emma Cathell (DSS), Holly Hodgson (DSS), Robin Pagliuco (HRA), Christina Tesoriero (Project Hospitality), Peggy Jean-Nicholas (HPD), Jeannette Ruffins (Homeward NYC), Syrena Huggins (SSVF), Peter Malvan (PWLEx), and Cole Giannone (DM HHS).

Items Discussed

1. July Steering Committee Meeting Summary reviewed and approved.

2. Updates/Announcements

- Update given on EHV implementation and change in prioritization criteria.
- Announcement made that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO, f/k/a as NOFA) for the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition is now open and will be submitted on November 12
 - Initial findings on the changes in the FY 2021 NOFO application were shared.
- Overview given on updates and changes to the CAPS Policy & Procedure document.

3. Committee Activity Discussion

Summaries of recent committee work and activities were presented by their designated Co-Chairs or members:

- **Performance Management:**
 - **Evaluation Workgroup:** updated the Local Priorities Survey and created an Evaluation Policy & Procedures for the upcoming annual Evaluation cycle.
 - **PQI Sub-Committee:** provided an update on the CoC-funded projects enrolled in most recent PQI cycle: central issues around utilization and income. Committee to continue to provide resources, implement and monitor corrective action plans, and collaborate with Income Access Committee.
 - **Data Management Workgroup:** provided recommendations for HMIS scoring on the evaluation and are working to develop and host trainings.
- **CAPS Committee:** reported success in efforts to increase participation in CAPS amongst new organizations, noting an increase for Youth and DV programs specifically. . Committee plans to focus on the 'placement' aspect of CAPS during the rest of the calendar year.



- **Domestic Violence Committee:** has been working on advocacy, planning, and logistics for the federal Emergency Housing Voucher program in NYC with DV providers and shelters.
 - **DV RRH Workgroup:** reported the finalization of their goal sheet and a report-back on CoC-funded RRH projects: 106 clients enrolled and 63 placed into housing (out of five RRH projects).
- **Governance Committee:** Written Standards are in development with the DSS team and will be discussed amongst the Governance Committee in preparation for Steering Committee discussion and vote. In the fall, the committee will help oversee the annual Steering Committee election. In January the committee will review Bylaws and Governance Charter for the annual review. Plan for Advisory Council outreach during Quarter II of 2022.
- **Income Access Committee:** is continuing to work on holding trainings around employment myths, benefits, and workforce program best practices. Plans to collaborate with providers that have scored highly on income-related metrics as well as PQI Sub-Committee on income-based issues for providers.
- **Persons with Lived Experience Committee:** provided an update on advocacy and outreach trainings, changes to Committee member report-outs after attending CoC meetings, and discussed vaccination outreach to folks in shelters and on the streets; Also reported the impact of staffing shortages for folks receiving homeless services in New York City.
- **Veterans Committee:** is working on updating their aftercare resource packet for providers. SSVF is collaborating on a new screener tool with SUS, which includes a new threshold score. Aim to screen for more veteran households to be able to provide more direct supportive services.
- **Youth Committee:** Co-Chair Cole Giannone plans to resign in September, doing outreach for new Co-Chair. The City submitted YHDP application recently and is currently preparing the CoC youth portfolio for Annual Evaluation.
- **Youth Action Board:** had their RFP approved to work with the Coalition of Homeless Youth. Plan on updating their Collaborative Agreement. Reported impact of City vaccine and testing mandate on YAB members as contractors of the City.

4. Steering Committee Engagement

- Discussion on the working relationship between Steering Committee members and CoC committees and how to make monthly meetings more engaging .

Action Items

1. Provide feedback on the updated CAPS Policy & Procedures document by September 3 for upcoming vote in September meeting. Responsible Party: Steering Committee
 2. Provide feedback on the updated Local Priorities Survey for the upcoming Annual Evaluation for upcoming vote in September meeting. Responsible Party: Steering Committee
 3. Research City vaccine and testing mandate to determine impact on YAB and other CoC stakeholders that are paid via City-funded contracts . Responsible Party: Co-Chairs
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