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Proceedings 1 2 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon. Hello, everyone. On behalf of Commissioner Bill 3 Chong, I would like to welcome you to the 4 Department of Youth and Community 5 6 Development Pre-Proposal Conference for 7 Vulnerable Youth Residential Services. My name is Zenaida Marie White, I'm 8 the Assistant Deputy Agency Chief 9 Contracting Officer here at DYCD, and I 10 11 want to welcome you for this opportunity 12 to hear some highlights regarding this 13 RFP, as well as an opportunity to ask questions. 14 15 And we have an agenda for you today, 16 and I will begin with the welcome and 17 timeline. We're going to go over 18 pre-qualifying and proposal submission, 19 program expectations, post-award requirements, and then the most important 20 21 part is the question and answer segment. And please, again, direct your 22 23 attention to our PowerPoint slide on 24 either side of you. About DYCD; the mission for the New 25

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2	York City Department of Youth and
3	Community Development is to invest in a
4	network of community-based organizations
5	and programs to alleviate the effects of
6	poverty and to provide opportunities for
7	New Yorkers and communities to flourish.
8	The vision: DYCD strives to improve
9	the quality of life of New Yorkers by
10	collaborating with local organizations and
11	investing in talents and assets of our
12	communities to help them develop, grow,
13	and thrive; empowering individuals,
14	strengthening families, investing in
15	communities.
16	Now to begin with, I want to
17	introduce our panel. We have sitting in
18	the middle, we have Deborah Harper, our
19	Assistant Commissioner of Vulnerable and
20	Special Needs Youth. Also from Vulnerable
21	and Special Needs Youth, we have our
22	Director, Randolph Scott. And to assist
23	us with answering questions, we have our
24	Director of Research and Program
25	Development, Bob Frenzel-Berra. And that,

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2	ladies and gentlemen, is our panel for
3	today. So feel free to applaud and be
4	excited 'cause they're the ones that will
5	give you the clarification and information
6	you need. All right.
7	So I want to first speak regarding
8	this RFP. I am excited to announce that
9	this is an open-ended RFP. What does that
10	mean, Zenaida? Well, I'm glad you asked.
11	The open-ended RFP means that it's going
12	to remain open for an indefinite period.
13	There is no prescribed due date for
14	submission. Proposals will be reviewed by
15	DYCD as they are received and on an
16	ongoing basis. Please note, very
17	important, that DYCD reserves the right to
18	terminate this open-ended RFP at any time.
19	Also note that this RFP is comprised
20	of two service options, two competitions.
21	The first service option is crisis
22	shelters, and the next service option,
23	option two, is Transitional Independent
24	Living, otherwise known as TIL services.
25	Proposers may propose for one or both

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2	service options, and for both Fiscal Year
3	2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 at any time.
4	But you must submit a complete and
5	separate proposal for each site within
6	each service option and for each year
7	proposed. Each site requires separate
8	OSFS certification.
9	Now moving on to the timeline. The
10	proposal due date for the first round, for
11	Fiscal Year 2018, is September 26, 2016 at
12	2:00 p.m. Again, there is no prescribed
13	deadline; however, we want to ensure that
14	services are going to be in place in the
15	beginning of Fiscal Year 2018, so if
16	you're interested in providing services as
17	of July 1, 2017, please submit your
18	proposals by September 26, 2016. The
19	anticipated start date, again, is July 1,
20	2017 for Fiscal Year 2018. The contract
21	term will be for three years with an
22	option to renew for up to three additional
23	years.
24	Questions can be submitted via e-mail
25	at rfpquestions@dycd.nyc.gov. And again,

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2	for this first round we're asking that all
3	questions be submitted by September 16,
4	2016.
5	Now how many of you here have used
6	HHS Accelerator before? You've either
7	been pre-qualified or you've submitted a
8	proposal via HHS Accelerator? Okay, I see
9	a few who have not raised their hands.
10	How many here HHS Accelerator is like
11	another language? Have you heard of it
12	before? Everyone's heard of HHS
13	Accelerator? Great. Just want to feel
14	out my audience here.
15	So when you came in, you received a
16	PowerPoint presentation of HHS
17	Accelerator. Everyone has this
18	presentation, right? Okay. I'm going
19	over an abbreviated version, just to give
20	you an overview. And with me I have HHS
21	Accelerator specialists who will be
22	on-hand after the Pre-Proposal Conference
23	in case you need more details or you have
24	any questions or concerns, and I'd like
25	Allison MacLeod and Nina Herman to stand.

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2	So right out there in the reception area,
3	they'll be on-hand for any additional
4	questions you have.
5	So if you are submitting sorry.
6	If you are submitting a proposal by
7	September 26th, please note that all
8	proposals must be submitted utilizing the
9	Procurement tab of the HHS Accelerator
10	System by providers with approved HHS
11	Accelerator applications, including
12	business applications and required service
13	applications, for the areas listed in the
14	Services and Providers tab.
15	If submitting in the first round of
16	proposals, please allow sufficient time to
17	complete and submit proposals, which
18	includes entering information, uploading
19	documents, and entering log-in
20	credentials. It is strongly recommended
21	that providers submitting for the first
22	round complete and submit their proposals
23	at least 24 hours in advance of the
24	proposal due date and time for the first
25	round.

Proceedings 1 2 Resources, such as user guides, videos and training, are listed at 3 www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator. For more 4 5 information about submitting a proposal 6 through the HHS Accelerator System, again, 7 we have Allison MacLeod and Nina Herman here. In addition, you can also e-mail 8 info@hhsaccelerator.nyc.gov. And just 9 highlights for using this system: 10 11 Agencies publish all Requests For 12 Proposal, RFP documents, in the HHS Accelerator System. That means you cannot 13 submit anything hardcopy. Nothing outside 14 15 of HHS Accelerator will be accepted. 16 Pre-qualified providers approved for 17 relevant services are eligible to propose 18 and can submit proposals after the RFP is 19 released -- and in this case this RFP has been released -- and providers must submit 20 21 proposals through the HHS Accelerator System by the proposal due date and time, 22 23 which is 2:00 p.m., in this case for the 24 first round, September 26, 2016. 25 Okay. And now I'm going to introduce

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2	our presenter for Program Overview,
3	Randolph Scott, Director of Vulnerable
4	Special Needs Youth, is going to go
5	through with you the program overview.
6	Please make note of your questions and
7	hold them until we get to the question and
8	answer segment. So I'm welcoming to the
9	podium Randolph Scott.
10	MR. SCOTT: Good afternoon,
11	everybody. As Zenaida mentioned, my name
12	is Randolph Scott, I'm Director of Runaway
13	and Homeless Youth Services here at DYCD.
14	And basically what I'll do is I'll give
15	you a little bit of an overview of RHY
16	services; however, the focus for today is
17	mostly on the residential services of the
18	contracts that we fund.
19	But RHY is made of up four different
20	options. And the first option is that of
21	street outreach. And our street outreach
22	contracts are basically canvassing the
23	five boroughs of New York City, engaging
24	youth who they encounter to see one, if
25	they're at-risk, homeless, vulnerable or

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2	in need of any special services, whether
3	it's transportation to a safe place,
4	whether it's housing, food, clothing or
5	some resource that they may require to get
6	to a better place.
7	The second option that we have are
8	our drop-in centers. We currently have
9	seven drop-in centers in the five boroughs
10	of New York City. One of those, which is
11	a 24-hour drop-in center located in
12	Harlem, New York. And at the drop-in
13	centers, they youth ages from 14 to 24
14	go to network with other youth, use
15	services, such as computers, to do
16	résumés, take showers, get a meal, get
17	clothing, receive case management in order
18	to assist them in any of the service areas
19	that they deem is required for them;
20	whether it's around education, employment,
21	medical and so on. And those are, like I
22	said, located in all five boroughs.
23	The specifics of today are
24	residential programs, and there's two
25	different options. The third option,

Proceedings 1 2 which we'll talk about, is our crisis shelters. Our crisis shelters are for 3 youth ages 14 to 21, and it's a short-term 4 residential stay for 30 up to 60 days, 5 6 within a residential facility that could 7 be in any of the five boroughs, where they receive case management on the issues of 8 their needs; whether it's, again, on 9 housing, employment, education, medical or 10 11 other. 12 One of the important goals of our 13 programming, which I definitely need to mention, is that folks look for 14 15 reunification. That's one of our primary 16 goals is to reunify our youth with who 17 they consider to be their family. And if that doesn't meet the specifics, then 18 19 residential services and other services are rendered to them so they can then gain 20 21 that independence to move out and service themselves. 22 23 And finally the last option that I 24 will share with you, and more of it will 25 be through questions that you ask and

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2	answers that we will provide, and that
3	fourth option is our Transitional
4	Independent Living facilities, which are
5	our long-term stay facilities for youth
6	ages 16 to 21, where they stay for
7	18 months. For youth who come into the
8	facility at the age of 16 or 17, they're
9	eligible of up to six months of an
10	extension to stay in those facilities.
11	And they're just a longer term period of
12	receiving that same type of case
13	management that you would receive a crisis
14	shelter, so the education, employment, the
15	medical, and so on.
16	So the final the last two that I
17	mentioned are what you're here to hear
18	about, to propose on, and hopefully be
19	able to get any answers to your questions
20	so that you can complete those proposals
21	and work with me on certification, and so
22	on, and so on.
23	So I thank you very much and look
24	forward to hearing your questions that you
25	may have.

14 1 Proceedings 2 MS. WHITE: Thank you, Randolph 3 Scott. Okay. Moving on to post-award 4 requirements. You should have received a 5 handout for the Public Assistance Hiring 6 7 Commitment Rider. They didn't give it out yet. Upon leaving you will get this 8 one-page fact sheet that tells you all you 9 need to know about the Public Assistance 10 11 Hiring Commitment Rider. 12 We would also, at this time, although 13 we are at the Pre-Proposal Conference, we want to advise you that it is a 14 15 requirement for all contractors to be 16 determined responsible in the post-award 17 phase. Therefore, we would like to ask 18 all potential awardees to make your VENDEX 19 and Charter 500 files, make sure they're current and up-to-date. Also please 20 21 ensure that any outstanding liens or any adverse information has been resolved. 22 23 Unresolved issues often cause significant 24 delays in the post-award process. 25 Notice for proposers for

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2	subcontractor compliance: Subcontracting
3	is allowed and it is allowed for these
4	services, but on the following
5	conditions under the following
6	conditions: Subcontracting is not allowed
7	for provision of beds, but may cover
8	related or incidental services. The
9	contractor must identify any
10	subcontractors in the proposal. The
11	contractor expectations set out in the RFP
12	equally apply to any subcontractor. No
13	more than 35 percent of the total budget
14	may be subcontracted. A selected
15	contractor shall not enter into any
16	subcontract for the performance of its
17	obligations, in whole or in part, without
18	the prior written approval of DYCD.
19	Contractor must comply with the Payee
20	Information Portal subcontractor reporting
21	requirements.
22	In addition, there is the New York
23	City Liability Insurance Requirement and
24	you could follow along with me as I read:
25	"The contractor must demonstrate that

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2	necessary insurance coverage, Commercial
3	General Liability Insurance of \$1 million
4	per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate;
5	Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance of
б	\$5 million, if applicable; and Workers'
7	Compensation Insurance, is in place from
8	the first day of the contract by providing
9	an original certificate of insurance
10	naming the City of New York, together with
11	its officials and employees, as an
12	additional insured. DYCD will not be able
13	to proceed with processing any awarded
14	contracts until it has obtained proof of
15	the necessary insurance coverage."
16	And lastly, just to note, DYCD
17	encourages MWBE participation and
18	recommends the utilization of certified
19	MWBEs.
20	The transcript, presentation, and
21	attendance rosters will be made available
22	by being posted to the DYCD website for
23	your viewing and usage.
24	With all that said, it is time for
25	you to ask your questions, if you have any

Proceedings 1 2 questions or need for clarifications. We 3 just ask that when you ask your questions, please state your name and your 4 5 organization. You're not limited by the number of questions, you're not limited by 6 7 how many times you want to come to the microphone, but please, every time you 8 come up, please state your name and your 9 organization. This is being recorded, so 10 11 we just ask that you comply. 12 So without further ado, please come and ask the panel any questions you have. 13 You can come here to the podium. 14 I'm 15 going to move the microphone this way and 16 you can line up this way. 17 So I did such a great job and gave 18 such good information that nobody has any 19 questions? All right. MR. SABIA: Hi, Anthony Sabia, 20 21 Covenant House New York. I just want to know how much money is 22 23 available for RFP? How many slots and how 24 much money per child is prescribed in the 25 RFP? And also, where can I actually

Proceedings 1 2 download a copy of the RFP? 3 MS. WHITE: While they're looking up the information, downloading a copy of the 4 RFP is via the HHS Accelerator System. 5 6 And again, Allison and Nina are here and 7 they can walk you through how to get pre-qualified. 8 MS. HARPER: All right. The total 9 anticipated funding is \$9,400,000, and it 10 11 will fund up to 200 crisis shelter and TIL 12 beds total. And these, I just want to point out, are new beds. So for any of 13 our current provider agencies, it's our 14 15 expectation that the beds that you 16 currently have will be renewed. So you do 17 not need to apply again, you know, through this RFP. So this is for new beds only. 18 19 MR. SABIA: Will it be equal allocation between TIL's and crisis 20 21 shelter beds? MS. HARPER: Not necessarily. 22 We 23 have to look at the applications. 24 MR. SABIA: Okay. I'm sorry, one 25 last question. And I'm sure it's written

19 Proceedings 1 2 in the RFP, but I'll ask anyway, do you have to subscribe to a housing first model 3 4 in your program model? That's not a part of our 5 MS. HARPER: 6 requirement. 7 MR. SABIA: Okay. Thank you. MS. ALBERT: Hi, I'm Amy Albert from 8 Brooklyn Defender Services, and I'm a 9 lawyer so I like to talk. 10 11 Two questions. First, has there been 12 any determination about allocations for 13 capital resources for new providers? And second, has there been any priority set 14 15 for Brooklyn, specifically given that we 16 don't have any or many crisis beds? 17 MS. HARPER: Regarding the types of beds and targeting, 'cause it's specific 18 19 areas, we have not done that. We really look at the applications. 20 21 And the first question again -- oh, capital. This funding is not typically 22 23 used for capital, you know, sources. 24 MS. WHITE: Please don't be shy, we 25 welcome your questions 'cause this is your

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2	opportunity to get clarifications so that
3	you can submit the best proposal possible.
4	So we encourage you to ask questions. So
5	I'll give another minute or so.
6	Okay. Well if you have no questions
7	and a question comes up, once I close,
8	which I'm about to do, please be reminded
9	that all questions must be submitted via
10	e-mail at rfpquestions@dycd.nyc.gov.
11	Please don't come to any of the panelists
12	or myself regarding any RFP questions,
13	because they need to be public and they go
14	through a process. So please make sure
15	you e-mail your questions.
16	So with that said, we have now
17	concluded the Pre-Proposal Conference for
18	the Vulnerable Youth Residential. And
19	lastly, to remind you, before we leave,
20	the due date for the first round, for the
21	Fiscal Year 2018 contracts, is
22	September 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the HHS
23	Accelerator System.
24	In addition, please be on the
25	lookout, if there's any addenda to this

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2	RFP issued it will be released in the HHS	
3	Accelerator System. Any notifications	
4	regarding award announcements will also be	
5	made via the HHS Accelerator System.	
6	This concludes our Pre-Proposal	
7	Conference. You've been a great audience,	
8	thank you for your participation. Have a	
9	good evening.	
10	(Time noted: 2:31 p.m.)	
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22 1 CERTIFICATE 2 3 STATE OF NEW YORK) : ss.: 4 COUNTY OF QUEENS) 5 I, NICOLE ELLIS, a Notary Public for and within б 7 the State of New York, do hereby certify: I reported the proceedings in the within-entitled 8 matter, and that the within transcript is a true 9 record of such proceedings. 10 I further certify that I am not related to any of 11 the parties to this action by blood or by marriage 12 13 and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of 14 this matter. 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand 16 this 31st day of August 2016. 17 18 NICOLE ELLIS 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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