



CoC Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Friday, June 19th, 2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Co-Chairs in attendance: Kristen Mitchell (DSS), Alyson Zikmund (HPD), Carrie Bloss (Project Hospitality)

Voting Members in attendance: Kristin Miller(CSH), Michelle Mulcahy (Enterprise), William Lang (ACL), Tierra Labrada (The Network), Catherine Trapani (HSU), Jamie Powlovich (CHY), Jessica Jeavons (DOHMH), Kevin Thrun (DHS), John Rojas (HRA), Howard Charton (Breaking Ground), Kelly O'Sullivan (Jericho Project), Mark Hurwitz (Urban Pathways) Jha'asryel-Akquil Bishop (YAB), Maddox Guerilla (YAB), Cameron Craig (PWLEx), and DeBorah Dickerson (PWLEx).

Additional attendees: Martha Kenton (DSS), Amanda Slater (DSS), Laura Mascuch (The Network), Jeannette Ruffins (West End Residences), Michael Collins (Enterprise), Peggy Jean-Nichols (HPD), and Amma Bosompem (HRA).

Items Discussed

- 1. Moment of silence observed for those experiencing homelessness that have lost their lives during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2. May Steering Committee Meeting Summary reviewed and approved
- 3. Racial Equity and Inclusion in the CoC
 - Discussion of racial equity and inclusion on the Steering Committee, CoC Committees, and across the NYC housing and homelessness system.
 - Brainstorm of ways to address lack of diversity and inclusion in the CoC. Discussion to be continued in later CoC Steering Committee meetings.
 - Formal request made by John Rojas to diversify representation among Non-profit housing provider members.
- 4. Discussion of Committees
 - Update given for DV Committee Request.

Action Items

- 1. Review Draft CoC Action Plan for discussion at July Steering Committee Meeting. Responsible Party: Steering Committee members
- 2. Include racial equity and inclusion in CoC Action Plan and identify actionable steps to improve. Responsible party: Homebase & Steering Committee members