

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONTRACTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom Webinar

Meeting Minutes

Due to the pandemic, this was the second time that the Not-for-Profit Contracting Advisory Committee (NFPCAC) met by Zoom.

Introductory remarks were made by Fran Barrett, Interagency Coordinator for Nonprofit Organizations; and Marla Simpson, Associate Director, Immigrant & Refugee Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of NY, and Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Jason DiGianni, Assistant Unit Chief, Legal and Procurement Unit - Division of the Budget - discussed (1) how outcomes are the primary driver for both the nonprofit sector and DOB (though process can appear to be at the fore in a bureaucracy); (2) how DOB seeks to improve effectiveness/efficiency, to facilitate funding, necessary to provide important services to nonprofit organizations contracted by NYS; (3) his recent meeting with Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS), and (4) how the work of the NFPCA committee is crucial to DOB.

Ian Carlson, Director, NYS Grants Management - Grants Gateway - presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the transition from Grants Gateway to the State Financial System (SFS), and how New York State is preparing for this.

Jihoon Kim, Deputy Secretary for Human Services & Mental Hygiene, gave an overview of the agencies in his portfolio, and offered to continue the dialogue begun in this NFPCA committee meeting.

Keshana Owens-Cody, Director of Health Disparities Programs at Health Research, Inc., discussed their grant focused on Covid-19 health disparities.

There was a comment on:

COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) not benefiting NYSSHP and STEH programs.

There were questions on:

- Accessibility and SFS.
- Whether SFS will allow for one sign-in/one user ID for all NYS grants.
- Whether [any nonprofits] are still doing paper contracts.
- The data migration process, and what's included, to SFS from Grants Gateway.
- The timing of the Grants Gateway to SFS transition.

The following issues will stay on the NFPCAC agenda:

- Contract Reform
- Grants Gateway transition to new SFS system

Next Steps and Conclusion:

- Fran Barrett provided closing remarks, thanked everyone for joining the call, and encouraged ongoing conversation about upcoming NYS changes impacting the nonprofit sector; and invited participants to reach out post-meeting if questions arise.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11pm