

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONTRACTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar

Meeting Minutes

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

Introductory remarks were made by Kathryn Garcia, Director of State Operations; 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, of the Division of the Budget (DOB), discussed the renewed partnership between DOB and the Grants Gateway Management team, and introduced Ian Carlson of Grants Gateway Management. Jason gave an overview of DOB's role in contract management, and advised that he would be reporting more fully on DOB's plans at the next meeting. Nonprofit leaders expressed the need for more consistency in the contracting process. Fran Barrett suggested a deeper conversation, and DOB said they would look into that issue more closely.

Linda Cohen, Executive Director of Commission on National and Community Service, presented on the State's growing AmeriCorps program, with specific information on the availability of funding and briefings on the application and contract management process.

There were questions on:

- AmeriCorps
- The difficulty of approving budget modifications necessitated by the pandemic.
- Concern about the labor market and low pay in the nonprofit sector.
- Emphasis on more consistency in the contracting process/procurement regulations.
- State's support of 340b extension.

The following issues will stay on the NFPCAC agenda:

- Contracting plans by DOB will be fully discussed at the next meeting.
- The role that nonprofits can, or might play, in DOB's plans.

Next Steps and Conclusion:

- Fran Barrett provided closing remarks, thanked everyone for joining the call, and shared that the next meeting in consultation with Division of Budget should be in March or April.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:04pm