

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONTRACTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 23, 2023

1-2:30pm

Via Zoom Webinar, and In-Person (NYC, Albany)

Meeting Minutes

The Not-for-Profit Contracting Advisory Committee met In-Person *and* via Zoom (AKA “Hybrid”).

Meeting commenced at 1:00pm.

NFPCAC Board Members in Attendance –

- Wayne Ho, Chair
- Jason DiGianni, DOB
- Marc Kleinhenz, OPWDD
- Edward Lenart, SED
- Michelle McKeon, RECAP
- Thomas P. O’Connor, OMH
- Marcos Ortiz, OTDA
- Hanna Rubin, Office of the AG
- Patricia Warrington, Office of the State Comptroller

Introductory remarks were made by Fran Barrett, Interagency Coordinator for Nonprofit Organizations, Executive Chamber, Office of Governor Kathy Hochul.

Board attendance was sufficient to constitute a quorum, so business was conducted (voting on Hybrid Resolution; Meeting Minutes of September 2022, November 2022 and February 2023, adopted and approved respectively) by Wayne Ho, newly appointed Chair.

A presentation about present and past grant funding that addresses health disparities was made by [DOH] –

- Jennifer Post, Director of the Bureau of Health Equity and Community Engagement
- Samantha Cassidy, Procurement Manager, Bureau of Health Equity and Community Engagement

A thorough, detailed presentation about emergency preparedness in New York State was given by [DHSES] –

- Jennifer Wacha, Deputy Director of State Office of Emergency Management

There were attendee questions regarding:

- The process through which grassroots organizations can get involved in NYS emergency response.
- If [other] nonprofits are involved in COADS (Community Organizations Active in Disaster).
- The process through which rare disease organizations can access Health and Wellness Education Awareness Grants.
- The way in which NYS nonprofits are navigating the immediate need for services for asylum seekers; and
 - Whether it is legal for a nonprofit to offer computer training for asylum seekers and, if so, if there is funding available.
- Whether the 5.4% COLA that was granted last year was baselined; and
 - What the administration is doing to ensure that the entire human services sector receives the COLA? (Comment: There are agencies remaining that are not honoring the COLA).
- Whether NYS organizes or funds rescue operations for abused, stray or feral animals possibly contributing to the spread of disease amongst the feral cat population.

There were attendee comments regarding:

- The importance of establishing a dedicated liaison between nonprofits receiving state funding, and state agencies.
- MWBE classifications and nonprofits; and other funding nonprofits are shut out of.
- Managed care companies withholding funds (for up to 180 days) entrusted to them by state for the purpose of paying nonprofits.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.