

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONTRACTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 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, Chinese-American Planning Council, Chair
- Melody Goetz, Office of the State Comptroller
- Michelle Heaslip, DOB
- Shannon Plansencia, OPWDD
- Edward Lenart, SED
- Sue Mantica, DOH
- Deborah Mellow, OMH
- Marcos Ortiz, OTDA
- Hanna Rubin, Office of the AG (remote)
- Fred Shack, Urban Pathways

Nonprofit Unit Staff in Attendance –

- Fran Barrett
- Lillian Padilla
- Meredith Finnerty
- Simon Ehlinger (AmeriCorps VISTA)

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

Further comments were made by Wayne Ho, President/CEO, Chinese-American Planning Council and Committee Chair.

Board attendance was sufficient to constitute a quorum, so business was conducted (September 2023 Meeting Minutes were voted on and adopted) by Wayne Ho.

Fran Barrett spoke about --

- Indirect rate(s) having been confirmed as being outside the Committee’s purview; and that DOB would meet with the three current nonprofit leader Committee members imminently to clarify.

An update on the transition (anticipated go-live of 1/16/2024) from Grants Gateway to Statewide Financial System (“SFS”) was presented by Ian Carlson, New York State Grants Management, Division of the Budget; and Jason DiGianni, Deputy Director, SFS.

Feedback from Kathie Deaver, Syracuse Northeast Community Center; and Rachel Kitay, Good Shepherd Services – very positive from both – who were nonprofit sector testers of SFS.

There were attendee questions regarding:

- Receiving meeting materials (slides, video excerpt).
- Transition from Grants Gateway to SFS –
 - Transfer of organizations’ information/documents;
 - Assigning roles;
 - Whether the BRQ will be combined with SFS, or remain a separate system.
 - Whether a new nonprofit with charity status can register for SFS, though not yet ready to apply for funding;
 - Whether all NYS department and divisions will be required to use SFS, or will they be allowed to continue with their own application system that diverges from SFS – i.e., will OCFS’ CMS be retired?
 - If a nonprofit submits before December 15th, but the reviewing state agency determines that there’s a revision needed after the 15th, will the revision be possible?
- Whether there’s a minimum operating budget for an organization to be prequalified? To apply for an RFP?
- How long prequalification process takes.

There were attendee comments regarding:

- Objecting to COLA being declared outside the Committee’s scope.
- Thanking organizers and presenters for the “excellent presentation.”

Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.