

Letter from Executive Director Michael Stoller

Dear Human Services Council,



Welcome to HSC's February 2009 newsletter!

This Newsletter comes at a historic moment in our nation's political and economic affairs. Since our last Newsletter, we continue to face an equal measure of challenges and successes. We ended the past year on a high note, with a successful Annual Leadership Awards Reception. Thank you to all who supported our efforts.

Sadly, the economic conditions in our nation and city continue to worsen, further weakening the social services infrastructure and programs. Undoubtedly, this will have an adverse impact on millions of New Yorkers from all social and economic backgrounds who rely on New York City's human service community. Notwithstanding these challenges, HSC began the year with a renewed commitment to continue using our expertise to meet the needs of our sector and the communities we serve.

In January we convened a meeting with Deputy Mayor Linda I. Gibbs, who spoke to the HSC Board about the potential impact of current City, State, and federal budget cuts on our sector. We also hosted a Budget Briefing with Joe Baker, New York State Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. HSC will continue our efforts to advocate for responsible and shared budget actions and to ensure that the federal stimulus package includes funding for human service providers who benefit the community and provide a lifeline to those in need.

In the coming months, HSC will also embark on a recruitment campaign to increase our membership base and the impact of our voice. To that end, we are pleased to welcome our new Membership Services Program Manager, Cynthia Tao, who is joining HSC, effective February 2, 2009.

With much regret, we say good-bye and many thanks to Dominic Muntanga, who leaves HSC in

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HSC marks the end of 2008 with record attendance to the Leadership Awards Reception.



The 13th Annual Leadership Awards Reception to celebrate the work of HSC and honor leaders in the sector ended the year 2008 on a high note for HSC. HSC is grateful to all supporters, especially our honorees and Mutual of America. HSC honored **Eric Brettschenider, Mary Pender Greene, and Steven Newman**, for their significant contributions to the human services sector and the people it serves.

For photos of the event:

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HSC advocacy efforts yield benefits for all not-for-profit agencies that have a City contract.

HSC is pleased to announce that through our advocacy efforts, the Mayor's Office of Contract Services' Capacity Building and Oversight Procurement Training Institute classes, which were previously open only to City personnel, are now

order to focus his energies on helping his country, Zimbabwe. Dominic is establishing a not-for-profit agency, the Council for Zimbabwe www.zimcouncil.org, to mobilize and engage Zimbabweans abroad to play a constructive role in shaping his country's future. We will miss him dearly and wish him the best of luck in his efforts to help Zimbabwe.

As always, we are grateful for all your support and thank you for your continuing service and dedication to our mission. We are especially grateful to the Booth Ferris Foundation, whose generous support enables us to publish this Newsletter.

Please forward this newsletter to any potential HSC member and help us expand our voice.



We also invite you to visit our website at www.humanservicescouncil.org

Many thanks,

Michael Stoller

ACT NOW! Protect Vital Human Services.

As you know, New York State is facing the worst financial crisis in decades. In response to budget cuts and economic challenges, HSC has devised strategies and partnerships to protect vital human services that sustain millions of New Yorkers.

As part of the One New York: Fighting for Fairness Coalition, HSC has been working with the Better Budget Choice Coalition, Responsible Wealth, and other organizations to advocate for a balanced approach to the budget crisis. Part of our strategy includes a call for the adoption of progressive revenue raising policies.

We are asking upper-income New Yorkers to sign on to a statement in support of progressive tax policies. Please reach out to your Board members and other supporters to ask them to sign the statement that can be found by clicking on this link: [click here](#)

Are your Board members willing to actively participate in our collective advocacy efforts to protect vital human services? If yes, please contact Allison Sesso by March 2.

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open to all not-for-profit providers that have a City contract. As the voice of the human services sector we will continue to work with City officials to ensure that classes are designed to address the challenges faced by the not-for-profit sector as a whole. HSC welcomes any comments and suggestions about areas where you think PTI classes could make a difference.

Procurement Training Institute (PTI) Courses Spring 2009 Semester

February 10, 2009

Internal Controls for Small Nonprofits (9AM-12PM)

February 12, 2009

Board Development: Oversight and Effective Governance (9AM-12PM)

March 5, 2009

Advanced Nonprofit Accounting (9AM-12PM)

March 12, 2009

Prequalification for Vendors (9AM-12PM)

March 26, 2009

New IRS Tax Form 990 (9AM-12PM)

April 16, 2009

Auditing Procedures for Nonprofits (9AM-12PM)

May 7, 2009

Charities Bureau (9AM-12PM)

TBD:

Conflict of Interest for Nonprofit Vendors (9AM-12PM)

For information and reservations, please contact:

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To confirm, please provide the following:

Contact Full Name

Organization Name

Organization Information (*Address, *Email, *Phone, etc.)

Course(s) of Interest

Training Center & Directions

All training sessions except the March 12 session will be held at The Department for Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) located at 2 Washington Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10004. The March 12 session will be held on the 19th Floor Large Conference Room. For directions, please visit www.hopstop.com.

Thank you for your attention and support. **ACT NOW!**

Did you know?

HSC testified at the State Legislative Human Services 2009-10 Executive Budget Proposal Hearing held on January 14, 2009. To read the testimony, [click here](#) to go to the "Members Only" section of the HSC website.

HSC also testified at the State Legislative Budget Hearing on Taxes on February 3, 2009. To read the testimony, [click here](#) to go to the "Members Only" section of the HSC website.

Meet our new Membership Services Program Manager, Cynthia Tao.



HSC welcomes our new Membership Services Program Manager, Cynthia Tao, who brings a rich blend of experiences in technology and social services.

In 2008, Cynthia graduated with a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Hunter College and worked as a Research Assistant with the head of the Policy Department on a workers' rights initiative project. Prior to pursuing her MSW, Cynthia worked for over 20 years at IBM, primarily as a Program Manager in software development, at locations in NY, NC, and Italy. As a volunteer and a social work intern, she worked with adults and children with serious mental, physical, and emotional health issues. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Illinois - Urbana.

Please join us in welcoming Cynthia.

Meet those who make our work possible

HSC is grateful to all our members and donors who continue to support the critical work HSC does on behalf of our members and the human services sector as a whole.

Other supporters of HSC include:

HSC hosts Budget Briefing with Joe Baker, New York State Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.



Pictured (L-R): Lola Brabham-Harder, Michael Stoller, Joe Baker, Allison Sesso, Ed Geffner and Chris Winward.

On Friday, January 16, 2009, HSC hosted an "HSC Members Only" Budget Briefing to provide in-depth information about the budget and the Governor's priorities pertaining to the human services.

Upcoming City and State Budget Calendar*

The Mayor released his preliminary fiscal year 09-10 budget on January 30, 2009. If you are a member, you can click on the following links to go directly to the HSC "Members Only" Section of our website to view our analyses of both the [city](#) and [state](#) budgets.

New York City

- **March 2009** - Council Hearings on Preliminary Budget Proposal
- **March 31, 2009**- Deadline for Council Response to Mayor's Preliminary Budget
- **April 2009** - Mayor releases his FY 09-10 Executive Budget
- **May** - Council Hearings on Executive Budget Proposal
- **June 30, 2009**-- Deadline to approve the City Budget
- **July 1, 2009** -- New budget takes effect

New York State

- **March 31, 2009**- Deadline to approve the State Budget

1. [Altman Foundation](#)
2. [Booth Ferris Foundation](#)
3. [Mutual of America](#)
4. [New York Community Trust](#)
5. [New York City Council](#)
6. [Taproot Foundation](#)
7. [United Way of New York City](#)

HSC is growing - meet our newest members.

HSC is expanding and the voice of the human services sector is growing louder! We welcome our newest members. Please visit their websites to learn more about about their critical services.

- [Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty](#)
- [Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation](#)

Help us add more members to this list.

All HSC members are listed on our website. You can visit their webpages by [clicking here](#).

For more information on membership, contact:

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- **April 1, 2009** - New budget takes effect

* Please note that the Budget Calendar is the best information available at this time, but is subject to change.

News from HSC Members and Friends

Stephanie A. Cuskley is the new Executive Director of HSC member agency NPower NY. She succeeds Barbara Chang, an NPower NY co-founder who led the nation's leading nonprofit IT services network for nine years. HSC welcomes Ms. Cuskley and wishes her all the best in her new position.

This space is designated for our members. Please send us your announcements, news, and interesting issues of relevance to the sector.

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