



Human Services Council Newsletter

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Letter from the Executive Director Michael Stoller

Another budget season has ended and I am happy to report that restorations were made in several vital areas (members can read our analysis [here](#)). Unfortunately, these critical restorations were yet again provided for a single year only. And so our budget dance will continue; although we will have new partners following 12 years with one Administration.

To prepare, HSC has taken the lead in advocating for the importance of nonprofits. We co-hosted a [Mayoral Forum](#) with [Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies](#), [NYU Wagner](#), and [United Neighborhood Houses](#). Over 200 people attended as New York City's communities listened to eight of the mayoral candidates discuss their approaches to issues that will affect all New Yorkers. Special thanks go to [Lighthouse International](#) for hosting the event.



HSC Welcomes

...our new members, [The Association for a Better New York](#), [Children's Defense Fund-New York](#), [Diaspora Community Services](#), [New York City Coalition against Hunger](#), and [Sky Light Center](#). Please check out their websites to learn more about the notable work that they do.

...our new Board Members **Joel Berg**, Chief Executive Officer of [New York City Coalition against Hunger](#), **Jess Dannhauser**, Chief Executive Officer of [Graham Windham](#), and **David Rivet**, Chief Executive Officer of the [Jewish Board of Family & Children Services](#).

...our new Membership Services Manager, [Jason Wu](#), and [interns](#), DaJanee Cochran, David Kischkower, Stephanie Parkinson, and Laurina Santi.



L - R: Dajanee Cochran, Stephanie Parkinson, David Kischkower, and Laurina Santi

Farewells

HSC gives a special thank you and farewell to:

- **Paul Levine**, former Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services
- **Marilyn Gelber**, former Chief Executive Officer of Brooklyn Community Foundation
- **Wayne Ho**, former Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
- **Susan Hager**, former Chief Executive Officer of United Way of New York State

Revitalize, Rethink, & Rebuild
Neighborhoods Mayoral Forum

While we advocate for recognition of the importance of the sector and restorations of funding to the communities we serve, we must also acknowledge and address other factors that impact our work and our clients. To that end, HSC's Board reaffirmed its [commitment to racial equity](#); we are committed to addressing racism through continued advocacy and collaborations with human services agencies.

As HSC expands its reach, I must congratulate **Michelle Jackson**, HSC's General Counsel, who has been selected to serve on the New York City Bar Association's Non-Profit Organizations Committee. She will be an excellent addition to the Committee and a strong advocate for our sector. I would also like to thank the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) for providing our **Cynthia Tao** with the **Maurice Gurin Memorial Scholarship** to attend their [Fundraising Day in New York](#).

We are happy to have received grants from **The Clark Foundation** to support to the human services sector and **IBM** to host a Disaster Preparedness workshop for our members on business continuity and resilience. We appreciate and thank them for their invaluable support in strengthening the capacity of our sector.

This year will see many changes to our sector. I look forward to working with all of

- **Ekaterina Bevinova**, HSC's former Membership Coordinator

Thank you all for your advocacy, leadership, and hard work with HSC!

Budget News

On June 26, a \$70 billion FY14 budget was approved by the NY City Council. Restorations were made in vital areas such as child care services, after school programs, youth services, senior services, and supportive housing. Although few cuts were made for this fiscal year, this only begins to chip away at the compounded cuts from previous years. We hope the next Administration and City Council will continue to see the value of human services in our communities and the role they play in growing a strong economy. HSC members can [click here](#) to view the budget summary.

In 2011, Congress passed legislation for a series of across-the-board automatic spending cuts aimed at reducing the deficit by \$1 trillion by 2021. Those cuts took effect on March 1. HSC will analyze what the possible impacts might be to City agencies and the human services sector. If your agency is feeling the effects of Sequestration, **please let us know!** HSC strongly encourages members to reach out to the NY Congressional Delegation with concerns about both potential and real impacts on organizations and clients. We need to humanize these cuts and illustrate the long term costs and effects they will have on communities. [Click here](#) to learn more about the NYC Sequestration cuts and what you can do to help bring attention to the reality of it.

Advocacy News

HSC, in conjunction with Baruch College Survey Research, released a survey designed to capture data related to Hurricane Sandy and the nonprofit human services sector on June 27. We will use the results to best represent the sector to government, philanthropy, and the media as we strive to ensure that resources for **Hurricane Sandy recovery** are deployed in the most useful ways to New Yorkers in need and those extending services to them. Gathering information and insights in a systemic way will allow for optimal planning about how best to support those in need over the next months and years.

Last December, Governor Cuomo announced members of the [NYS Tax Reform and Fairness Commission](#), charged with

you on making our sector, and the communities we serve, stronger for the future.

Many thanks,
Michael Stoller

 Forward to a Friend

Upcoming Workshops & Events

Tune into HSC's radio show **Voices of Human Services**, every Wednesday on WWRL (1600 AM) from 11 pm to 12 midnight. Co-moderated by HSC Executive Director Michael Stoller and Deputy Executive Director Allison Sesso, the program explores a range of topics related to the human services needs of New Yorkers and the public policies that impact the effective delivery of nonprofit human services program. [Click here](#) to listen to the show.



Allison Sesso at HSC's radio show!

Join the **Preparing for Disaster: The New Normal** conference at LaGuardia Community College on Wednesday July 17th. The forum will convene local professionals, community and faith-based leaders, elected officials,

addressing long term changes to the state tax system and helping create economic growth. HSC, along with other nonprofit leaders, met with the Commission Chairman Peter Solomon, recently to discuss how government cuts and rising business costs impact the sector's ability to meet the growing needs in NY.

HSC has advocated on behalf of the human services sector since the release of **Executive Order 38**; we submitted comments on all versions of the regulations and held numerous meetings with the Governor's staff to explain how these regulations will impact the sector. While it is unfortunate that an additional significant reporting burden is being placed on our sector, HSC was successful in getting changes to the regulations and in obtaining much-needed clarification to the posted guidelines. [Click here](#) to see the full regulations and our [practical guide](#).

Homelessness in New York City has reached its highest recorded levels, with **over 50,000 persons sleeping in shelters** in April 2013. Fortunately, New York's nonprofits are working hard to tackle this issue. The [Wall Street Journal](#) recently covered the re-launch of [Housing First!](#), the affordable housing campaign that seeks to ensure the next mayor remains committed to affordable housing development. The *New York Times* editorial board also published [a must-read editorial](#) on New York City's homelessness crisis. The piece mentions the [United to End Homelessness](#) campaign, a targeted coalition pushing for solutions during this year's mayoral election in NYC. HSC and other member organizations are endorsing both campaigns; to learn more about the action platforms and how to become one of the endorsers, visit the [Housing First!](#) and the [United to End Homelessness](#) websites.



Currently, **all of the 16- and 17-year-olds arrested in New York**, whether for a felony or misdemeanor, are treated as adults. The [Raise the Age](#) campaign is calling on Albany to "raise the age" and reform the juvenile justice system so that NYS can join the rest of the country in treating children as children in the criminal justice system. To learn more about their action platform, visit the [Raise the Age](#) campaign website.

New York State launched the [Grant Opportunity Portal](#),

government officials, activists, advocates, educators, and case workers to learn the best practices, tools, and resources relating to emergency preparedness and resiliency. **HSC members get a 25% discount** off their registration; to find out how, log onto the [member's section](#) of our website. For more information on how to register, [click here](#).

The **Undoing Racism** workshop occurs the first Monday of each month (the next meeting will be August 5th), 12 pm-2 pm at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCS), at 135 West 50th Street. The meetings provide Executive Directors with an opportunity to gain knowledge and perspective to help them move towards anti-racist leadership. For more information, please contact [Mary Pender Greene](#).

NPCC is offering a **free** workshop on how the current national debates on tax reform will affect nonprofits. **David Thompson**, VP of Public Policy for the National Council of Nonprofits, will share the latest thinking in Washington and what nonprofits are doing about it. To register, [click here](#).

Independent Sector's National Conference (Sept. 28 - Oct. 1) offers sector leaders a unique experience, allowing them to take the pulse of the charitable sector and be heard on urgent issues. For more

providing a one-stop shop for anyone interested in grant funding opportunities with State agencies. HSC has been advocating for the State to adopt a streamlined, online contracting system and will continue to work with the State to train providers to use this new system. The Grantee Document Vault is also available, allowing existing grantees and potential applicants to store key organizational information in a secure online location for use by all State agencies. To use the Document Vault, a grantee must [register](#) as a user on the system.

Attorney General (A.G.) **Eric T. Schneiderman**, State Senators **Carl Marcellino** and **Michael Ranzenhofer**, and Assembly Members **Jim Brennan**, **Steve Englebright**, and **Helene Weinstein**, recently proposed legislation to overhaul the laws governing New York's nonprofit sector. Michael Stoller, as Co-Chair of the Reducing Burdens on Nonprofits subcommittee of the A.G.'s Committee for Nonprofit Revitalization, was quoted in the A.G.'s [press release](#) announcing the proposal of two acts: the Nonprofit Revitalization Act and the Executive Compensation Reform Act. If passed, they would be the first major reforms to the state's charities laws in over 40 years.

Member and Partner News

Congratulations to **Nancy Wackstein** for being awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Binghamton University's Doctoral Hooding Ceremony.

Mayor Bloomberg's [Young Men's Initiative](#) and Ashoka Changemakers have announced a [competition](#) seeking program ideas to create positive activity in NYC communities and strengthen our city. Young men, local organizations, and community leaders are encouraged to share their ideas for a chance to win \$36,000 in prizes. To apply, [click here](#).

The City has launched the "**NYC Build it Back**" Initiative to assist homeowners, landlords, and tenants in repairing or rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. For more information on the program, [click here](#). If you would like program and eligibility materials delivered to you to distribute to the communities you serve, or if you have any questions or comments on the program, please contact [Danny Rosenthal](#), HSC's Sandy Recovery Consultant.

New York City's HHS Accelerator has released the [Procurement Roadmap](#), providing a list of anticipated procurements to be released in the Accelerator system later this year. It is a great way to manage applications, view procurements in other areas to find new

information, [click here](#).

Our Sponsors

HSC is grateful to our members and funders who support our work on behalf of the human services sector.

Valued supporters of HSC include: Altman Foundation, Blue Ridge Foundation New York, The Clark Foundation, IBM Corporation, Mayor's Fund To Advance New York City, Mutual of America, New York City Council and Speaker Christine Quinn, New York Community Trust, UJA-Federation of NY, and United Way of New York City.

Thank you again for your generous support!

If you'd like to contribute to HSC, you can [donate online!](#)

We would also like to thank our [200 members](#) for their continued support. We are pleased and grateful to have you with us!

Help the sector by asking other nonprofit human services agencies to join HSC. Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our [website](#) or contact [Jason Wu](#) at 212-836-1667 for more information.

HSC's mission is to strengthen the not-for-profit human services sector's ability to improve the lives of New Yorkers in need.

The Voice of the Human Services Community

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opportunities, and plan for future procurements. Make sure to submit your organization's [service application](#) so you can apply for future solicitations through the system.

The Social Security Administration recently announced [new requirements for people applying for a replacement social security card](#) or printout of their social security numbers.

IBM has made available a few programs to help the human services sector and the communities we serve:

- **Reading Companion** is an interactive web-based technology to help children (target age 5-7) and adults gain English literacy skills. More than 200 schools and nonprofit organizations are participating in this grant program. The target populations are children (ages 5-7) and adults of all ages. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.
- **The SME Toolkit** is a free online program that provides information and communication technologies to help small businesses learn and implement sustainable business management practices. The Toolkit provides information, tools, and training services usually only available to Fortune 1000 companies. To learn more, [click here](#).

Opportunities from Our Members

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation is seeking to hire a [Program Manager](#).

Brooklyn Community Services is seeking to hire a [Chief Operating Officer](#).

Palladia, Inc. is looking to fill [several positions](#).

The Center for Urban Community Services is looking to fill [several positions](#).

University Settlement is looking to fill [several positions](#).

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