



Human Services Council Newsletter

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Letter from the Executive Director Michael Stoller

Even with Hurricane Sandy's wrath still upon us, HSC was coordinating the efforts of the human services sector to provide essential services to those in need. Although HSC's offices were closed, staff worked from home and distributed a [survey with Governor Cuomo's office](#) to assess the impact of the storm on the sector's ability to provide services. The survey was quoted in the [Governor's press release](#) and the [results](#) used in recovery planning. We shared this information with our community and have been sending frequent [Sandy updates](#) ever since. In all, we consider ourselves fortunate to have helped mobilize the sector to provide aid to those affected by the disaster.

One key thing to note: **if your organization incurred costs or damages due to the storm, you may be eligible for FEMA assistance.** The first step is to attend an Application Briefing on 11/16 or 11/19. Be sure to [RSVP](#). Regardless of your attendance at the briefing, you should register with FEMA by [completing a Request for Public Assistance](#) (RPA) by 12/2. Mail the completed form to [John Grubsick](#).

Welcome to HSC

We welcome our newest members, [Counseling Service of Eastern District New York](#) and the [Nonprofit Finance Fund](#), to the HSC family. Check out their websites to learn more about the important work they do.

Budget News

On 11/9, the City released its November budget modification or [Programs to Eliminate the Gap](#) (PEGs). With many of our members diverting already-depleted funds for recovery efforts, we're relieved to report that most of the modifications are occurring at the City's administrative level through lay-offs and efficiencies.

There are two key PEGs that can affect HSC members: a Fire Inspection fee increase in FY13 (but not out years) and a \$10M cut to Out of School Time (OST) in FY14. HSC is working on these issues and will continue to update members as information becomes available. See our [website](#) for additional information.

Upcoming Workshops and Events

The City's **Young Men's Initiative (YMI)** aims to support those with previous convictions seeking employment. It is encouraged that a CEO, HR Director, or similar staff attend. Register to attend the final [11/16](#) session. For more information, [contact YMI staff](#).

Support Center for Nonprofit Management will be holding a [grant making panel](#) on 11/30, with a focus on nurturing the social safety net. All proceeds from the panel will be donated to the Services for the Underserved Far Rockaway recovery effort - the panel fee, which is currently discounted to \$50, has been further discounted to \$35 for HSC members. Use the code HSC35 to register and receive the discount.

[Join us](#) at our annual **Leadership Awards Reception** on 12/12/12 as we celebrate and honor those who have made

A second note, but one of concern - as our police, firefighters, and EMS, all of whom deserve our thanks and praise, are recognized with public accolades and dollars, we fear that human service agencies, which in many ways acted as first responders, will be slighted. Our members were in the disaster areas immediately, providing food, water, shelter, comfort, and more, to those impacted by the hurricane. Many of our members' facilities were damaged or destroyed. Our elected officials should publicly credit the sector for its immediate, compassionate, and courageous response and recognize the need to rebuild and sustain the infrastructure of the sector with much-needed funding. Hurricane Sandy certainly proves the necessity for a strong sector.

Sandy caused us to postpone our [much anticipated nonprofit Summit](#), scheduled for 11/1. As lower Manhattan lost power, so did our venue. We have rescheduled the Summit to January 14.

In spite of Mother Nature's latest fury, we are preparing for our annual [Leadership Awards Reception](#), which will take place on 12/12/12. [Come celebrate with us!](#) We look forward to sharing the evening with our members, partners, allies, and supporters in the human services sector.

Finally, lest we forget, despite the devastation of Sandy and an on-coming Nor'Easter, we held elections in New York. Our community should be proud because nonprofits are

a significant contribution to the sector. Congratulations and thank you to this year's honorees: Rob Carmona, Lucy Garrido-Mota, Fatima Goldman, Scott Hess, Ronald Soloway, Mutual of America, and Jane Velez.

On 12/3, HSC will coordinate a **meeting of the Human Services Council Statewide Coalition** to discuss topics including Sandy impacts and response, a revenue agenda for 2013, and the FY14 State budget/outlook. A formal agenda and details will be distributed soon. RSVP to [Marisa Semensohn](#).

On 12/14, **HSC, Lawyers Alliance for New York and Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York** are presenting [Effective Legislative Advocacy: Nonprofits and Lobbying](#). This training will explain the extent to which nonprofits can freely participate in the legislative and budgeting process to effectively advocate for their organizations and constituents. [RSVP today](#).

Save the Date! HSC and United Way of New York City will hold a **Mayoral candidates forum**, hosted by the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at NYU. The forum will be held on 1/10/13.

Save the Date! HSC has rescheduled the [Doubling Down: How Recommitting to the Nonprofit Sector can Achieve Real Change in Communities](#) summit to 1/14/13. Prior confirmed attendees will receive an email to re-confirm their spot.

The Community Resource Exchange (CRE) and Coaches Training Institute (CTI) are hosting [Coaching Skills for Nonprofit Managers](#) on 2/11-2/13. The course targets Executive Directors, Board members, and Senior Managers. Space is limited, [RSVP by 12/1](#).

Advocacy News

On 10/24, the **Group Purchasing Workgroup** was updated on the group purchasing initiative's latest progress and provided the City with valuable feedback on their experience with Essensa, the organization chosen to run the program. It has been one year since the program's roll out and the **City is asking all nonprofits with NYC contracts to enroll** by the end of the fiscal year.

HSC's Business Solutions Workgroup met with representation from the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and the Human Resources Administration to discuss proposed **amendments to the Public Hiring Assistance Rider** as part of HSC's continuing work on the Standard Human Services contract. The workgroup provided feedback

being credited with turning out a greater number of voters than ever before, and particularly from lower-income, younger, diverse communities, due to increased voter registration, engagement, and education. See the [report from Nonprofit VOTE](#) for details.

At times like these, HSC is particularly proud to be a part of such a strong, resilient, and caring community. Please read the rest of this newsletter to see other news in the sector.



Many thanks,
Michael Stoller

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on the rider and HSC will share the revised version when available.

HSC is continuing to lead advocacy efforts at the state level for inclusion of an adjustment for nonprofits in the state budget. We urge all members to reach out to the state agencies they contract with regarding the need for a **Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)**.

Technology News

HSC's Business Solutions Workgroup met with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services' HHS Accelerator team on 10/3 to provide feedback and guidance on the **new HHS Accelerator Data Project**. The [HHS Accelerator Data Project \(HHS Accelerator Data\)](#) is a cross-sector initiative to help NYC's nonprofit organizations to easily and effectively manage data from procurement, benchmark performance and share information with peers and funders.

Member and Partner News

Mutual of America is offering a Flexible Premium Annuity (FPA) account for savings/investments outside of 403(b) retirement accounts. This account is open to anyone, including those with no retirement account or whose employer has no affiliation with Mutual. For further information or to enroll, contact [Steven Ortiz](#).

On 11/15, **the New York Community Trust, New York Magazine, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, and WNYC** will present the [2012 Nonprofit Excellence Awards](#).

HSC congratulates and welcomes **Jennifer Jones Austin**, the newly-appointed Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) CEO/Executive Director. She succeeds retiring FPWA Executive Director and one of this year's [HSC Leadership Award Honorees](#), **Fatima Goldman**, who we thank for her support and generosity to HSC.

HSC congratulates and welcomes **Sheena Wright**, the newly appointed United Way of New York City (UWNYC) President and CEO. She succeeds **Elwanda Young**, UWNYC's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, who was serving as the Interim CEO upon **Gordon Campbell's** departure. We thank both Elwanda and Gordon, both former HSC Leadership Award Honorees, for their long-term support of HSC.

Or you can [donate online!](#)

We would also like to thank our members for their continued support. The nonprofit sector is facing the toughest budgetary constraints in years and our [200 members](#) make difficult trade-off decisions daily about how to spend limited funds. We are pleased and grateful to have you with us!

You can help the sector by asking other not-for-profit human services agencies to join HSC. Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our [website](#) or contact [Cynthia Tao](#) at 212-836-1623 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.

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HSC congratulates and welcomes **Kathryn D. Haslanger**, the new Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA) CEO. She succeeds retiring JASA CEO **Aileen Gitelson**, who we thank for her support and generosity to HSC.

HSC congratulates our very own **Cynthia Tao** for receiving an **Emerging Social Work Leader Award** from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)-NYC Chapter. We're proud of her and hope to see you at the NASW-NYC [awards dinner](#) on 12/6.

It is with a heavy heart that HSC delivers the news of the **passing of our beloved James R. Dumpson, Ph.D.**, at the age of 103. "Dr. D," as he was known by many, served a variety of roles within the human services sector. He held enormous influence over public policy development for the sector at international, national, and local levels. His passing brings sorrow to many. Read more about the loss of our cherished Dr. D. in the [New York Nonprofit Press \(NYNP\)](#).

Job Opportunities

Community Voices Heard (CVH) is looking for a [Lead Organizer/ Director of Organizing](#).

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

The Institute for Community Living (ICL) is seeking a [President/CEO](#).

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC) is seeking to fill the [Academic/Career Counselor Position and GED Teacher position](#).