



# Human Services Council Newsletter

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## Letter from the Executive Director

Allison Sesso

Six months into New York City's new Administration and we've already established a great working relationship with them to advance changes in the way our sector does business with the City.

**For the first time in years, a City budget has been passed without the budget dance.** A new initiative, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, is being implemented in partnership with community based organizations with sites opening in all boroughs.

Other partnerships between the Administration and our sector include middle school Out-of-School Time programs, Community Schools, Worker Cooperatives, and a Communities of Color Non-Profit Stabilization Fund to support the capacity and growth of nonprofit organizations serving communities of color.

However, there is still much more to do. **Our sector is still in need of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) and more advancements must be made in the procurement process as a whole.** We have to make sure our City is prepared for the next disaster

## HSC Welcomes

...our incoming FY15 board members:

- Steven Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition
- William Dionne, Executive Director, The Carter Burden Center for the Aging
- Vincent Lenza, Executive Director, Staten Island NFP Association
- Danielle Moss Lee, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of NYC
- Sharon Myrie, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Information for Families Today
- Eileen Torres, Executive Director, BronxWorks
- Bobby Watts, Executive Director, Care for the Homeless

...our new members: American Italian Cancer Foundation, Encore Community Services, Harlem Grown, New York Asian Women's Center and Partnership with Children.

...our new interns: Kristin Kelsch, Zack Manley, Nicolette Rainone, and Eve Stern.



L-to-R: Eve Stern, Kristin Kelsch, Zachary Manley, and Nicolette Rainone

## Congratulations

...Joel Copperman and Melanie Hartzog on being selected as members of the Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice.

...Joel Copperman on being selected to serve on the Mayor's Task Force on Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice.

## Thanks

HSC would like to thank The New York Community Trust for a grant to promote cost savings in government-funded human services, UJA-Federation of New York for a grant supporting our Disaster Preparedness/Planning work, IBM for an in-kind grant for a leadership workshop for our members, The Clark Foundation for their general operating support, and The New York Women's Foundation for their support of our radio

even as we are still recovering from Superstorm Sandy and ensure the nonprofit sector is effectively coordinating with government.

HSC has been convening meetings with the new Administration and our members these past months so that our sector's knowledge and expertise can be leveraged in developing creative solutions.

We've met with **Deputy Mayor Buery** to discuss the current implementation of Universal Pre-K and the expansion of Community Schools; **Dean Fuleihan, Director of the Office of Management and Budget**, and **Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli** to discuss the struggles nonprofits face financially, how nonprofits are stuck trying to cut costs without cutting services, and the importance of a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA); and **Lisette Camilo, Director of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services** to discuss procurement reform.

But this is not enough.

**Now, as always, we must come together as one voice to strengthen our political power so we can better advocate for the changes we need to ensure a strong and vibrant human services network in New York.**

I look forward to continuing our work with HSC members and partners to advance the human services agenda so that we can better serve New York's communities.

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## Farewells

HSC gives a special thank you and farewell to:  
...our departing Board members  
...Ron Soloway, UJA-Federation's Managing Director of Government and External Relations  
...our former interns: Alison Murray, Stephanie Quito, and Yuan Zhou

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

## HSC News

HSC's weekly radio show, Human Services News and Views airs every Thursday at 6 pm on WVOX 1460AM. This week's [program](#) features an interview with **Donna Corrado, Commissioner of the Department for the Aging**, who discusses aging policies in NYC, as well as **Ira Machowsky**, Executive Vice President for [FEGS Health and Human Services](#), discusses [Center4](#), a newly established initiative to connect nonprofits with technology. To listen to our podcast, click [here](#).



HSC has partnered with the [Unemployment Services Trust](#) (UST), which helps eligible members to lower unemployment costs by providing a safe, cost effective alternative to paying state unemployment taxes. **In the next several weeks, over 521 nonprofits will receive \$8.7 million back.** Read how [here](#). If you have 10 or more employees, fill out a [savings evaluation](#) to see if your organization could save. Please contact [Jason Wu](#) if you have any questions.

HSC is now on [Amazon Smile](#)! Now, whenever you shop on Amazon by [logging in](#), 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to HSC without any extra cost to you!

[Baruch College School of Public Affairs](#) has released an alumni profile of Allison Sesso, HSC's Executive Director. [Read it here!](#)

## Upcoming Workshops and Events

Members of HSC can attend all [Support Center for Nonprofit Management](#) workshops for a flat fee of \$35. Find out how by visiting our [Members Only](#) page or by contacting [Jason Wu](#). Topics of [upcoming workshops](#) include building supervisory relationships, fundraising planning, and website management.

Allison Sesso

 Forward to a Friend

## Budget News

Mayor de Blasio and the City Council announced an agreement for the [FY15 City Budget](#) on June 19, 2014. An analysis of the budget will available on our [members only page](#) next week.

## Opportunities from our Members

[Care for the Homeless](#) is seeking to fill several [positions](#).

[Center for Urban Community Services](#) has a variety of open positions. To view them, [click here](#).

[LSA Family Health Services](#) is looking to fill a number of [positions](#).

[Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies](#) is seeking a [Budget and Elderly Welfare Advocate](#), and a [Member Outreach Coordinator](#).

## 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, American Red Cross - Greater New York, Blue Ridge Foundation New York, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, The Clark Foundation, IBM Corporation, Mayor's Fund To Advance New York City, Mutual of America, New York Community Trust, New York Women's Foundation, UJA-Federation of NY, and United Way of New

[The Hetrick-Martin Institute](#) (HMI) provides free trainings and consulting to groups and organizations serving young people. [Workshops](#) include: LGBTQ 101/ Human Sexuality Model, Creating Safe and Inclusive Spaces for LGBTQ Youth, and We Get Stronger: Bullying & Surviving Trans and Homophobia. More information about trainings and workshops can be found [here](#).

Did you know that the [Center for Urban Community Services](#) Institute offers trainings in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens? **If you work for a DOHMH-sponsored program, you may be eligible to attend some of these trainings for free.** Find more information on the [trainings here](#).

## Member News

[FPWA](#) has launched "Building a City of Equal Opportunity," a new campaign to promote upward mobility for New York's most vulnerable. Find out more [here!](#)

[Afterschool Pathfinder](#) is a free website that brings together individuals and employers working in afterschool, expanded learning time, and youth programs in New York State. For more information about how to begin posting on the website for free, click [here](#).

## Advocacy News

On June 11, 2014 HSC held its annual membership meeting where Public Advocate Letitia James spoke about the current initiatives in her office such as rent stabilization, a special police force for NYCHA housing, a city free lunch program, which would provide free lunch for all students regardless of income, and support for HSC's COLA



initiative. Lobbyist John Wright, from [the Wright Group](#), spoke about the current political climate in Albany and New York City and how HSC and its members can be more effective in furthering our goals by being more politically engaged.

HSC recently sent a letter to the Mayor asking for the reinstatement of a City COLA and to increase parity in COLAs

York City.

Thank you again for your generous support!  
If you'd like to contribute to HSC, you can [donate online!](#)

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.*

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agreed to in the soon to be negotiated DC/37. You can download the letter [here](#). We encourage you to send similar letters or use ours as a [template](#).

## Partner News

The [Summer Meals program](#) has begun in New York City's five boroughs. Children ages 18 and under can receive free meals from hundreds of sites across NYC and do not require children to present identification or parents to fill out any forms. Use New York City's online [Summer Meals Site locator](#) to find a site near you. You can also find sites by calling 311 or texting the word "NYCMeals" to 877-877.

On July 1, 2014, many of the provisions of the [Nonprofit Revitalization Act](#) will go into effect. [Schall and Ashenfarb](#) has posted a [webinar](#) discussing how these provisions will impact nonprofits in New York. Access the [webinar here](#).

**The new federal OMB Super Circular includes important changes for nonprofit organizations.** [Rubino and Company](#) is offering a free seminar and will present how the new changes will impact: Pre & Post Award Requirements, Developing Indirect Rates, and Cost Principles under the Super Circular. [RSVP today!](#)

For organizations working toward racial equity, the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#)'s new interactive [resource guide](#) provides customized learning materials and data on racial equality. [Racial Equality Tools](#) is another resource that provides information, tips, research, and other resources to guide individuals and groups towards racial equality.

Beginning August 2014, the [SSA](#) will no longer issue Social Security Number (SSN) printouts in their field offices. People who need proof of their SSN and who cannot locate their SSN card will need to apply for a replacement card. Beginning October 2014, SSA field offices will stop providing benefit verification letters, except in emergency situations. Proof of Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is available to most beneficiaries by registering for their personal [MYSocial Security account](#) online or by calling their national, toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. More information on the changes can be found [here](#) and [here](#).