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To: **The Honorable Bill de Blasio**
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Members of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC)

From: **Bill Chong**
*Commissioner, Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)
Director, Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth*

We are delighted to share the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2017. This report highlights the initiatives and activities of members and their efforts to enhance services for youth, families and the communities of New York City. This year, the ICC examined several relevant topics including youth employment and the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

The ICC is proud of its commitment to young people, and continuously looks to build and strengthen partnerships that play an important role in carrying out the Mayor's agenda. As the City's needs continue to evolve, we emphasize the importance of collaboration among City agencies.

An example of collaboration can be seen in the development of *Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community - A Resource Directory*. This directory provides information about resources available to young people in New York City who are leaving detention or have been involved with the criminal or juvenile justice system. By utilizing the guide, community programs can offer support in areas such as housing, practical assistance, education, legal rights, and job preparation and searches, as well as drug and alcohol treatment.

The ICC is honored to play a role in carrying out the Mayor's agenda to support youth, adults and families, and to improve services for all New Yorkers. In collaboration, the ICC can assist our young people to become healthy, thrive, and have access to quality programs and employment opportunities that put them on the path to becoming tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Bill Chong, *Commissioner*
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INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) includes the New York City agencies and entities that fund or provide direct services to youth, as well as those that indirectly support these services. Member agencies are committed to enhancing the quality of youth services for all New Yorkers. The ICC also works to identify areas where reducing the duplication and fragmentation of services will improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of service delivery.

The following City-based agencies that provide direct youth services are members of the ICC:

- Administration for Children's Services
- Department for the Aging
- Department of Citywide Administrative Services
- Department of Correction
- Department of Cultural Affairs
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Protection
- New York City Fire Department
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- New York City Health + Hospitals
- Department of Homeless Services
- New York City Housing Authority
- Human Resources Administration
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence
- New York City Police Department
- Department of Probation
- Brooklyn Public Library
- New York Public Library
- Queens Library
- Department of Youth and Community Development

Interagency Coordinating Council Meetings & Activities

The ICC held its annual public hearing on December 5, 2016 at the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Prior to the formal proceeding, attendees heard various presentations relating to “Know Your Rights” by Yojaira Alvarez of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, Maureen Curtis of Safe Horizon, and Michael Sisitzky of the New York Civil Liberties Union. ICC members representing 20 City-based youth serving agencies heard from more than a dozen individuals who offered testimony on LGBTQ issues, disconnected youth in NYC, immigration affairs, and curriculum setting in public schools and afterschool programs.



ICC members representing 20 youth serving City-based agencies listen to testimony offered by the public, December 5, 2016

LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training for City Employees

On June 29, 2017, the ICC, in conjunction with The LGBT Center, offered its members and City employees the annual LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training. This is the fifth year that the training has been conducted by The Center's staff and was led by Sarah Mikhail, LMSW, Family Permanency and Training Coordinator. The training reinforces the City's commitment to enhancing services for the LGBTQ community. The event was generously hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs at the Surrogate Court House.



The Center's Sarah Mikhail addresses participants at the annual LGBTQ Competency Training



ICC Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group

On September 29, 2016, the Supporting LGBTQ Youth work group held a meeting at the Department of Parks and Recreation's Chelsea Recreational Center. The meeting, hosted by Parks, included over 25 Parks staff who were interested in learning more about the ICC's work group. Attendees learned about DYCD's Youth Connect referral line services (1-800-246-4646) and from the LGBT Center about their services for LGBTQ youth while work group members appreciated the recreational center's offerings to the community.



ICC Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group Chairperson Randy Scott welcomes attendees

The Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group continued its efforts through the year at creating an LGBTQ competent citywide work force. Under the leadership of Randy Scott, chairperson, the work group was part of several high profile meetings and events. On May 3, 2017, the work group screened the film *You Are Not Alone*. (Continued on next page)



You Are Not Alone, screened on May 3, 2017

The movie is a documentary about black gay men breaking their silence on depression, with personal stories, interviews with mental health professionals and community leaders, and vivid re-enactments. It was screened for ICC members as part of May’s Mental Health Awareness Month. Over 60 attendees were on hand, and had the opportunity to engage the filmmaker, Antoine B. Craigwell, in a discussion after the film. Audience members walked away with a better understanding about this important topic.



Filmmaker Antoine B. Craigwell addresses audience

On January 11, 2017, the Supporting LGBTQ Youth work group hosted The LGBT Center’s Empowerment, Youth, Engagement & Services Network (EYES). EYES provides space for youth-serving organizations to network around LGBTQ youth programs and services. The EYES team conducts presentations to youth-serving organizations relating to policy and offered work group members in attendance a glimpse into their work.



ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group

On September 22, 2016, the ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group held a meeting at the Department of Youth and Community Development. Over 30 people attended, including representatives of City agencies and communities. The Administration for Children’s Services discussed their “Close to Home” Initiative, and Safe Horizon discussed its new services to victims of crime at New York City Police Precincts.



*ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group Meeting,
September 22, 2016*

On February 23, 2017, the ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group held a meeting at the Department of Youth and Community Development. Over 20 attendees, consisting of representatives of other City agencies and community-based organizations, heard from Carl Bernard, a youth presenter who recently emerged from detention and shared his experiences with the juvenile justice system. The presentation complimented the work group’s launch of its publication, ***Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community – A Resource Directory***.

On April 25, 2017, the Interagency Coordinating Council’s Court-Involved and Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Groups jointly held a meeting at DYCD. Over 30 attendees heard from the New York District Attorney’s Office on the topic of “Youth and Gangs,” and representatives from NYU’s ROSES (Resilience, Opportunity, Safety, Education, Strength) initiative, a girls-only court-involved program.



Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community – A Resource Directory

This resource directory is available to young people in New York City involved with the criminal/juvenile justice system, it covers areas such as housing, practical assistance, education, legal rights, mental health, employment, and drug and alcohol treatment.

Special thanks to members of the Court-Involved Youth Work Group who had input on the publication, which complements the previously released first edition of the guide for adults and service providers.

The goal for this directory is for it to help those in need to identify existing community resources that youth need in order to become successful and assimilate back to their neighborhoods.

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ICC INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIONS AND PROGRAMS

- DYCD has partnered with ICC member agencies to collaborate on the distribution of *Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community - A Resource Directory*. The Administration for Children's Services has agreed to distribute several thousand copies of the guide to youth and staff within their detention programs. The New York Public Library will be distributing the guide at its 88 branches, and the Department of Probation will distribute the guide to its youth population. Copies of the guide were made available to the NY Law Department, the Human Resources Administration, and the Department of Cultural Affairs, for their clients.
- DYCD and NYC Health + Hospitals (H+H) have partnered to promote health care available at adolescent clinics in communities access across the City. This includes promoting clinic locations to DYCD's portfolio of funded programs, allowing participants to have access to needed clinical care.
- DYCD partnered with the New York Law Department to offer preventive prosecution workshops to afterschool youth by utilizing role playing depicting legal scenarios and educating young people on the law.
- The New York City Public Service Corps is the nation's first and largest off-campus internship program for college students. The Public Service Corps is dedicated to providing undergraduate and graduate students with opportunities to serve their communities, build professional skills and learn about careers in the public sector. A Public Service Corps internship links meaningful community service experience with academic learning, personal growth, and civic responsibility. While students apply their classroom studies to the real world, community needs are met.
- Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) partnered with the Department of Education (DOE) to host regular professional development workshops for administrators and teachers. BPL worked closely with the DOE, NYPL and Queens Library systems to continue the My Library NYC program into its third year. This program offers participating schools special classroom sets from the libraries to use in their instruction.
- The Human Resources Administration (HRA) Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) currently operates in 57 middle and high schools throughout New York City. HRA partners with local community-based domestic violence service providers to place social workers who deliver a comprehensive array of teen dating violence services in each school.
- HRA's Office of Citywide Health Insurance Access (OCHIA), in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), conducted a public awareness campaign to encourage more families to sign up for health insurance before the end of the open enrollment period. The two agencies developed an instructional tool for teachers to deliver easy to understand information to teens about health insurance and the Family Planning Benefit Program. DOHMH also worked with DOE to promote reproductive health services in schools.
- The Department of Probation (DOP) worked with the DOE to provide High School Equivalency prep courses and enrollment in the School of Cooperative Technical Education. DOP partners with DYCD and the New York Public Library to provide access to young adult literacy services and worked with DYCD, the New York City Police Department, and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to engage young people in anti-violence forums centered on The Voices from Within Project.

CITYWIDE YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As part of the City of New York’s charter-mandated annual budget process, the City’s 59 Community Boards submit statements of their local needs in order to provide a context for their budget priorities. Each statement is accompanied by a statistical profile, prepared by the Department of City Planning, summarizing district demographic and land use characteristics, together with census tract maps and detailed data from the census. The resulting compilation, *Community District Needs*, is published annually by the City’s Department of City Planning. In addition, the City’s Office of Management and Budget convenes borough meetings during which Community Boards invite City agencies to discuss their programs and budget. After the budget consultations, Community Boards submit budget recommendations which outline their funding priorities and the relevant agencies respond to each request. Agencies also submit annual District Resource Statements that show the distribution of agency resources by Community District.

In addition, the City’s social service agencies conduct needs assessments by analyzing trends among their client populations, examining compilations of data, such as the federal census, and obtaining community and service provider input through advisory bodies and neighborhood outreach. This is the case with DYCD’s Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) who provide residents of low-income communities with an opportunity to help DYCD identify funding priorities. NABs serve Neighborhood Development Areas (NDAs), which are low-income neighborhoods designated as needing community development support. NAB members are responsible for helping to identify the needs of their local communities. DYCD takes their findings into consideration when allocating federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding.

In addition, the Mayor’s Management Report (MMR), which is mandated by the [City Charter](#),

serves as a public account of the performance of City agencies, measuring whether they are delivering services efficiently, effectively and expeditiously. The MMR is released twice a year. The Preliminary MMR provides an early update of how the City is performing four months into the fiscal year. The full-fiscal MMR, published each September, looks retrospectively at the City’s performance during the prior fiscal year and is available on the City of New York’s website (www.nyc.gov).

ALLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES TO YOUTH

Agency	Number of Youth Served FY 17	Agency Budget for Youth FY 17
Administration for Children's Services	208,559	\$3 billion
Department for the Aging	1,825	\$210,000
Department of Citywide Administrative Services	347	\$583,560
Department of Correction	350	\$49,357,000*
Department of Cultural Affairs	**	N/A
Department of Education	1.1 million	\$30.8 billion
Department of Environmental Protection	40,000	\$345,000
New York City Fire Department	150,000	\$900,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	2,063,209	\$196,557,210
Health + Hospitals	340,334	\$634,680,263
Department of Homeless Services	***	***
Human Resources Administration	12,699	\$4,055,160
New York City Housing Authority	N/A	N/A
Department of Parks and Recreation	92,580	N/A
New York City Police Department	***	***
Department of Probation	8,299	\$31,510,515
Brooklyn Public Library	705,235	\$34,840,355
Queens Library	821,743	\$34,272,446
New York Public Library	650,000	\$450,000
Department of Youth & Community Development	324,667	\$621,431,423

*DOC has no discrete budget for 16-18-year olds. The youth budget funding was calculated by multiplying the average annual cost of incarceration per youth (\$141,019 for FY 2017) by the average daily population of 16-18 year-olds in custody (350 for FY 2017).

**DCA does not distinguish cultural activities by population or age.

*** Not Furnished by Agency

NYC Charter § 735
§ 735 Interagency Coordinating Council

a. There shall be an Interagency Coordinating Council established by the mayor which shall consist of representatives of each City agency providing services to youth, representatives from the youth board established pursuant to section seven hundred thirty-four of this chapter and a representative of the City Council who shall be appointed by the speaker of the City Council. The mayor, or his or her designee, shall serve as chairperson of the Interagency Coordinating Council and shall preside over all meetings. The commissioner shall serve as director of the Interagency Coordinating Council.

b. The Interagency Coordinating Council shall:

1. prepare and include in the report required by paragraph ten of this subdivision an annual breakdown for the immediately preceding fiscal year of each member agency's allocations for services to youth and the number of youth served;

2. recommend, in consultation with the office of operations, means for improving member agencies' delivery, management and supervision of services to youth;

3. recommend means by which the duplication and fragmentation of service delivery to youth may be reduced and the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of service delivery may be enhanced;

4. consider proposals from member agencies, the City Council and the youth board for the improvement of service delivery to youth;

5. recommend to the mayor joint agency projects or programs which could make more efficient use of existing resources;

6. plan and develop a comprehensive information service for the benefit of youth, their families, service providers and school and government personnel, which shall include Citywide, borough wide and community board program directories, hotlines and other such services designed to facilitate public accessibility to such information;

7. conduct an annual comprehensive youth services needs assessment on a Citywide, borough wide and community district basis;

8. formulate an integrated, comprehensive plan for the delivery of community-based services to youth;

9. compile, collect and develop periodically, and make available, information and data relating to youth and youth services in New York City; and

10. issue an annual report, in October of each year, to the City Council and the mayor summarizing its activity during the previous fiscal year and detailing recommendations for improving service delivery and coordination, reducing duplication and fragmentation and facilitating the more efficient use of existing resources. Such report shall also include an annual breakdown of member agencies' allocations for services to youth and the number of youth served as prescribed in paragraph one of this subdivision, an annual comprehensive youth services needs assessment as prescribed in paragraph seven of this subdivision, as prescribed in this section and a two-year proposed agenda consisting of specific issues that the Interagency Coordinating Council plans to address during the current and subsequent fiscal years.

c. The Interagency Coordinating Council shall meet at least quarterly and shall hold at least one public hearing annually, at which public testimony shall be taken.

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