



Client Speakers' Bureau Makes Presentations Offers Public Programs and Advocacy

CFH client leader members of our Speakers' Bureau made several presentations in October, including speaking at CFH events and presentations to the School of Arts and Letters in Brooklyn and the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx. Individual client advocates told their own stories and advocated for programs including more affordable housing for very low income people, housing subsidies to help those in homeless shelters move to permanent housing and a greater availability of healthcare and human services to support those experiencing homelessness.

"The policies we advocate for are morally right, produce far better outcomes and actually cost less in public resources than what we're doing right now," according to CFH Consumer Advisory Board Vice Chair Ava Conner in her presentation at Mount Saint Vincent.



School classes, community groups, churches and religious institution or any group that is interested in hearing from the CFH Speakers' Bureau should contact us at policy@cfhnyc.org or at 212-366-4459, extension 239 to arrange a program.

Creating Liveable Communities: We Must Do More

Governing Magazine sponsored a half-day roundtable discussion on "Creating Livable Communities for All" in October featuring 30 New York City policymakers, advocates, businesspeople, union officials, academics and elected officials, including Care for the Homeless. New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito keynoted the roundtable with a review of city concerns and programs. Other participants included the Partnership for New York City, AARP, the New York Housing Conference, the New York Public Library and business, education, transportation, healthcare, technology and public safety representatives. Other elected policy makers included City Council Members Margaret Chin and Paul Vallone, representatives of Borough Presidents and state and city government offices including the city Department of Homeless Services.

Governing Magazine has sponsored more than a dozen of these roundtables "from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon" attempting to start a meaningful dialogue on vital issues in communities across the country.

New York City is a leader in addressing important community issues, but there's much more to be done.

At Care for the Homeless we're pleased to be a part of the discussion.

We celebrate the outstanding efforts this city administration and City Council are making to provide services to underserved communities including launching programs to provide rental subsidies to some people experiencing homelessness in New York City and creating more affordable housing in general. We also know more must be done.

Providing accessible and appropriate healthcare and human services to all homeless people is the right thing to do, produces far better outcomes and actually saves public resources. The same is true of transitioning people from shelters to permanent housing including supportive housing for those who need it.

In addressing these issues we must be mindful of scaling programs to actually solve problems, opening subsidies and housing to all those who so desperately need it, combining programs with robust aftercare and supports designed to help participants succeed and creating efficient and effective procedures and programs. That's part of our contribution to this ongoing discussion.

Become an advocate today! Join us on Facebook and on Twitter for up-to-the-minute info.



Call to Action: Join Us in Health Center Advocacy Before We Go Over the Fiscal Cliff!

After months of delays, it's more important than ever that Congress reauthorize health center funding for underserved communities, like the 33 New York City health clinics we at CFH operate for people experiencing homelessness, before authority to fund and all appropriations for health centers expire in December. Congress passed a "Continuing Resolution" at the end of the fiscal year in September to extend federal funding until December – and they've been out of session recently because of Congressional elections. But both the U.S. House and Senate are scheduled to be in session starting November 12 and for at least seven days before recessing for Thanksgiving.

This is the time for us to deliver the critical message to FIX health center funding before we hit the fiscal cliff! Letting federal authorization or funding lapse, even for a short period, means delays in health care to children, families and individuals desperately in need. Health center funding has been reauthorized and funded continuously for decades with bipartisan support, regardless of which party controlled Congress or who was President.

Health clinics like ours provide primary health care to 22 million underserved people in communities across the U.S. We're the most effective health delivery system for people most in need and never turn a patient in need away. Across the country, health centers save the U.S. health care system \$24 billion a year making us an essential and cost effective part of our national health care infrastructure.

We need every voice we can get to urge Congress not to overlook their responsibility to promptly act, to reauthorize and fund health centers and to save critical health services for people in need. Please call your U.S. Senators and Representative! In New York, your senators are Senator Schumer (202-224-65420) and Senator Gillibrand (202-224-4451). You can reach your U.S. Representative (or find out who that is) through the Congressional switchboard at (212) 224-3121.



Join Us at Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, December 18th

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is commemorated in over 150 communities throughout America to remember those who needlessly passed away while unstably housed. Join us on December 18th to memorialize lost New Yorkers. Program to include music, memorial and a meal.

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day
Thursday, December 18th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us to remember New Yorkers who needlessly passed away while unstably housed.
Program to feature music, memorial and a meal.

NYC Rescue Mission
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Hosted by Care for the Homeless, the NYC Rescue Mission, and their Client Leaders

 
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