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2 THE MODERATOR: Good afternoon.  
3 and thank you so much for joining us today.

4 On behalf of Commissioner Bill  
5 Chan, I would like to welcome you to the  
6 Department of Youth and Community Development's  
7 Pre-proposal Conference for Beacon Community  
8 Centers' Request for a Proposal. My name is  
9 Zenaida Marie White. I'm the Assistant Deputy  
10 Agency Chief Contracting Officer. And I have  
11 the honor of presenting for you, moderating for  
12 you. I will pretty much be overseeing this  
13 session this afternoon.

14 Beginning with the New York City  
15 Department of Youth and Community Development,  
16 DYCD, invests in a network of the community  
17 based organizations and programs to alleviate  
18 the effects of poverty and to provide  
19 opportunities for New Yorkers and communities  
20 to flourish. Empowering individuals,  
21 strengthening families, investing in  
22 communities. So let's be happy and excited.  
23 That's why we're here today, right?

24 And with me I have a dynamic  
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2           panel, beginning with Darryl Rattray, the  
3           Associate Commissioner for Community Centers  
4           and Strategic Partnerships.

5                       Next to him is Wanda Ascherl,  
6           Senior Director of Community Centers and  
7           Strategic Partnerships.

8                       And we have with us Robert  
9           Frenzel-Berra, Director of Research and Program  
10          Development, who will be on hand to help with  
11          the question and answer segment.

12                      And we have a special guest from  
13          the Department of Education, Michelle Rosa,  
14          Senior Program Manager of City Wide Programs.

15                      And we also have with us Verena  
16          Diem, from HHS Accelerator.

17                      I know you want to hold your  
18          applause to the end, so let's just thank the  
19          panel we have that has come together to help  
20          you with all your questions and clarifications.

21                      All right, so before I turn this  
22          conference over to the panel, I want to review  
23          today's agenda. Welcome to the panel  
24          introduction, RFP time line and requirements,  
25          HHS Accelerator presentation. There is going

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2           to be a Beacon Community Center overview  
3           presentation by our New York City Department of  
4           Education. We are going to review some HHS  
5           Accelerator requirements, then we are going to  
6           turn to the questions and we'll hopefully have  
7           all your answers. Okay.

8                   The RFP timeline, the proposal due  
9           date and time of proposal due date for this RFP  
10          is May 24th, 2017 at two p.m. All proposals  
11          must be submitted in the HHS Accelerator  
12          system. In order to respond to this RFP, you  
13          must be pre-qualified in the HHS Accelerator  
14          system. DYCD will not be accepting any hard  
15          copies of proposals.

16                   Also, please note that due to the  
17          tight time line we have in order to put these  
18          services in place for September 1st, there is  
19          no extension to this deadline at this time.  
20          However, if something changes, we'll be sure to  
21          issue an addendum to extend the deadline. And  
22          to date three addenda have been issued to this  
23          RFP. We anticipate that we will be in a  
24          position to make the award announcement in the  
25          HHS Accelerator system sometime in the summer

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2 of 2017.

3 And anticipated contract terms for  
4 these contracts is September 1st, 2017 to June  
5 30th, 2020, with an option to renew for up to  
6 three additional years. The first year of this  
7 contract term is ten months. The second and  
8 third year will be twelve months each. If you  
9 have any questions when the pre-proposal  
10 conference concludes, you may submit all your  
11 questions to rfp@dycd.nyc.gov. And because we  
12 love deadlines so much, we have put a deadline  
13 for those questions as well. The deadline is  
14 May 17, 2017. That will enable us to give you  
15 a response before this submission deadline.

16 Okay. And now, to go further with  
17 the HHS Accelerator system, we have Verena  
18 Diem. She's going to come and give you some  
19 information about pre-qualifying and proposal  
20 submission. Thank you.

21 MS. DIEM: I'll try to go without  
22 the microphone, but if you can't hear me --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't.

24 MS. DIEM: Speak up more. All  
25 right. All right.

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2 My name is Verena. I am here from  
3 the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. I'm  
4 part of the learning management team. We are  
5 the team that creates all the materials,  
6 learning materials for Accelerator. We are the  
7 team that holds the -- runs the help desk. So  
8 if you have any questions, if you want to write  
9 it down, our new mail address  
10 help@mocs.nyc.gov. That's our new mail for all  
11 systems related questions regarding HHS  
12 Accelerator.

13 HHS Accelerator was implemented  
14 about five years ago under Michael Bloomberg to  
15 speed up and simplify the City's procurement  
16 process. So just only five years ago. Before  
17 that everything was still paper based. It has  
18 now moved into an online system. And there's  
19 actually a policy procurement board rule that  
20 states that all of the City's requests for  
21 proposals have to be released via the system by  
22 Accelerator, and all of the proposals have to  
23 be submitted via Accelerator. So it's actually  
24 written into law, it's a requirement.

25 In order to -- too loud -- in



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2 order to review the RFP details and in order to  
3 submit proposals, providers have to be  
4 pre-qualified. I'll go into that in a minute.  
5 But that's the requirement, in order to see  
6 details of an RFP and to submit a proposal.

7 Once you're pre-qualified for at  
8 least one service, you can look up the RFP's,  
9 and if one of the services in the RFP mentions  
10 your pre-qualified service, you would be  
11 eligible to propose, you would see that in the  
12 system.

13 And it's really important, the  
14 deadline was mentioned before, May 24th at two  
15 p.m. It's really important to get  
16 pre-qualified in time if you are not  
17 pre-qualified yet. I would recommend you do it  
18 as soon as possible. It takes about three to  
19 four days to get approved in Accelerator. And  
20 to submit a proposal it also takes a couple  
21 of -- a couple of hours in case there's  
22 questions. So make sure you start early, not  
23 on the day of the 24th, try to do it as early  
24 as you can.

25 This slide here shows two

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2 screenshots of what the prequalification  
3 application is all about. So if you're not  
4 prequalified yet, you might want to take a look  
5 at that. It shows the two parts that  
6 consists -- that comprise that application.  
7 There's a business application that you have to  
8 fill in where you're basically sharing with us  
9 who you are, you will be sharing your  
10 foundational documents, you would be telling us  
11 how your organizational structure is, you would  
12 be sharing with us details of your filings,  
13 your board, all of that information would be  
14 provided as part of the business application.  
15 And there's a second part to it, the service  
16 application, where you're basically sharing  
17 with us what you do. You would be selecting  
18 all the services that apply to your  
19 organization. And you would have to upload one  
20 proof that you are able to deliver that  
21 service.

22 There's three options to  
23 demonstrate a service capability. You can  
24 either upload a contract or grant information,  
25 or you could upload a resume of a key staff

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member, or you could upload a capability statement, which is basically just a short essay on what your organization does, how you're delivering the services. So one of those three options are required in order to submit sufficient proof that you can deliver the services. You would then submit the application. And, like I said before, it takes an average of three to four days for our policy team to approve you as a prequalified provider in the system.

Once you are prequalified, you then can go to the procurements tab in the system. That's our procurement road map we call it, which is where you would be seeing all of the City's procurements, the RFPs are listed here. And you can see under provider status you would be able to see for which RFPs you're prequalified for an "eligible to propose." To submit a proposal, you would want to click on the hyperlinked procurement title. That would allow you to go to the procurement page. You would see all the details on there, you can download all of the RFP documents on that page.

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2                   And to submit a proposal you would want to go  
3                   to Proposal Summary, click on "add new  
4                   proposal," there's a button. You would then  
5                   fill in some contact details. You would be  
6                   uploading your proposal and any other required  
7                   documents that are required as part of this  
8                   proposal submission process. You would be  
9                   adding a location of where you're delivering  
10                  the services.

11                  And the last screenshot here on  
12                  the left hand side shows you that a level two  
13                  user in the system would be able to submit the  
14                  proposals. So somebody who has been authorized  
15                  to submit the proposal can then enter their  
16                  user name and password and officially submit  
17                  this proposal.

18                  You should be -- once you have  
19                  submitted the proposal, make sure to check that  
20                  the status of your proposal is listed as  
21                  submitted. So it would list your proposal  
22                  title right there in the system. You can  
23                  always go back to it, and it should say  
24                  submitted and show the date on when you  
25                  actually submitted the proposal. There should

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2 also be a green confirmation bar showing up  
3 confirming that you have successfully submitted  
4 your proposal.

5 And, as I said, if you have any  
6 questions, again, our help desk is more than  
7 happy to help you. We try to be very  
8 responsive. We try to respond within an hour  
9 to any questions you have. So feel free to  
10 email us at help@mocs.nyc.gov. And if you want  
11 to talk to somebody, just indicate in the email  
12 that you would prefer to be called back and  
13 we'll be happy to call you back.

14 Do you take questions or --

15 THE MODERATOR: That's it.

16 MS. DIEM: Okay.

17 THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Verena.

18 And now we are going to have our  
19 Beacon Community Center overview. And I'd like  
20 to welcome Wanda Ascherl, Senior Director,  
21 Community Centers and Strategic Partnerships.  
22 Let's welcome Wanda to the podium. You're  
23 going to be working with her a lot if you get  
24 an award, so let's welcome Wanda.

25 MS. ASCHERL: Thank you.

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2 Good afternoon. Good afternoon.

3 (Chorus of "good afternoon.")

4 MS. ASCHERL: All right.

5 Okay, so as Zenaida mentioned, I'm  
6 going to briefly go over program design,  
7 proposed staffing structure and targeted  
8 enrollment information.

9 So a little bit about the -- you  
10 can hear me right. Okay.

11 A little bit about the Beacon  
12 Community Center. We're not your typical  
13 afterschool program that's three to six Monday  
14 through Friday. It's primarily designed to  
15 meet the needs of the community, and strengthen  
16 local communities with a focus on youth, family  
17 and community development resources.

18 The de Blasio administration has  
19 committed 6.2 million in fiscal year '18 to  
20 establish eleven new Beacon programs in  
21 underserved communities.

22 Sites selected were based on two  
23 primary analyses: The first one was youth  
24 population by borough; and the second, in  
25 partnership with New York City Department of

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Education, identifying schools with similar --  
with limited to no services.

This RFP is informed by DYCD's  
mission and vision to alleviate the effects of  
poverty by drawing on the strengths of  
individuals and communities. There are six  
overarching programming goals that drive the  
operation of services.

We promote positive development by  
providing safe environments, supportive  
relationships, high expectations and family  
engagements.

We function as a neighborhood hub  
that helps community members access services  
and strengthen community bonds.

We provide opportunities for all  
participants to develop skills.

We strengthen community life by  
expanding partnerships, tapping into City  
resources, and connecting community resources  
to the Beacon.

We support student engagement in  
school, including among students with chronic  
absenteeism.

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2 And, lastly, we ensure  
3 participants and community members are viewed  
4 as potential contributors to the Beacon and the  
5 community.

6 Now we're going to look a little  
7 bit at how this overall translates to program  
8 services.

9 So there are going to be three  
10 program activity designs.

11 One is drop-in. These are  
12 activities that are not structured in scope but  
13 can be used as a vehicle to recruit and engage  
14 youth/adults in regularly scheduled activities.  
15 Some activities may include, but it's not  
16 limited to, open gym, team lounge, and one-off  
17 informational sessions.

18 The second one are planned  
19 activities. And these activities have a clear  
20 purpose and objectives. They have clearly  
21 articulated goals, with learned -- with  
22 learning goals and skill gains, and typically  
23 follow a curriculum or a set of lesson plans  
24 and require regulator attendance.

25 And the last one is community



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2 events. And they're designed to reflect the  
3 interests and needs of the community. All  
4 Beacon programs will be expected to provide a  
5 minimum of three events per year, including one  
6 on health.

7 Within the program activities  
8 there are five core elements that will be  
9 represented throughout these activities. One  
10 of the first ones is based on education,  
11 academic support, literacy classes, vocational  
12 training.

13 The second one, community building  
14 and leadership, which looks like civic  
15 engagement, service learning.

16 Health in the form of sports,  
17 yoga, nutrition.

18 The fourth one is employment and  
19 financial security, looks for career  
20 opportunities, internship, financial literacy.

21 And the last one is recreation and  
22 enrichment, forms of arts, arts projects, book  
23 clubs, theater groups.

24 DYCD anticipates administering  
25 customer service satisfaction surveys where we

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2           are looking for 80 percent respondents  
3           indicating satisfaction of services. That  
4           Beacons are making internal, external referrals  
5           to address needs and to assess participant  
6           motivation, self-awareness and decision making  
7           through the use of a social/emotional learning  
8           outcome based survey tool.

9                    The next two slides I'm going to  
10           cover staffing structure. So there are key  
11           staff positions. Beacon director, outreach  
12           coordinator, and other staff to provide regular  
13           and substantial direct services to youth and  
14           adults.

15                   The full time Beacon director will  
16           have a bachelor degree or higher with a minimum  
17           of five years of relevant experience.

18                   Responsibilities may but are --  
19           responsibilities include but are not limited  
20           to:

21                    Overall responsibility for  
22           administration of program;

23                    Coordinate with the principal of  
24           host school and other community stakeholders;

25                    Represent the program at school



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2 skills to be able to reach out and interact  
3 with newcomers to the city in positive ways and  
4 respond effectively to their needs;

5 Have the experience and managerial  
6 skills needed to provide, lead and coordinate  
7 activities for adults.

8 I've only mentioned four, but  
9 there are obviously seven levels.

10 The other thing that I want to  
11 mention is that all of our programs are New  
12 York State SACC, must adhere to New York State  
13 SACC regulations. So all of them will be SACC  
14 licensed to operate.

15 DYCD expects all the programs and  
16 supports to recognize and value the strengths  
17 and capacities of individuals and communities.  
18 Our approach will take -- will be in three  
19 forms.

20 The first one are strength-based  
21 frameworks. We are going to encourage all  
22 programs to follow these frameworks.

23 The first one is positive youth  
24 development, which is an asset based approach  
25 that fosters healthy development and resilience

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2 by offering a safe environment and sense of  
3 belonging.

4 The second framework is social and  
5 emotional learning, which involves intentional  
6 development of skills, including  
7 self-awareness, self-management, social  
8 awareness, relationships, and decision making.

9 And the third framework is youth  
10 leadership, which builds upon social/emotional  
11 competencies by adding a focus on action and  
12 reflection.

13 The second one is offering -- is  
14 ensuring that we are offering a safe and  
15 welcoming and inclusive environment.

16 And the third one is family  
17 engagement, which comprises of three critical  
18 elements, communication, participation, and  
19 mutually beneficial partnerships.

20 Now I'm going to go into the  
21 annual target population and service level.

22 So this chart represents the  
23 summer and school year target population. So  
24 all Beacon programs are required to provide  
25 activities and services to a minimum of 1,200

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2 school age youth, families and adults ages 22  
3 years and older, including seniors, for the  
4 fiscal year.

5 So if you'll look at the chart,  
6 I'm going to start from the bottom up. So the  
7 1,200 consists of 500 adults that would attend  
8 a community event. It would consist of 100  
9 adults 22 years and older to participate in  
10 planned or drop-in activities. And 600 youth  
11 under the age of 22, that would be considered  
12 enrolled after three visits.

13 I'm going to go deeper with the  
14 600 because that's the area -- an area -- a  
15 large population.

16 We're expecting that all Beacons  
17 enroll at least 100 elementary, 100 middle  
18 school students, and 100 high school age youth.  
19 Again, as I started when we came to the slide,  
20 this is based on a school year population.

21 Now I'm going to concentrate on  
22 the 200 that would be served during the school  
23 year. So all programs would be expected to  
24 serve -- this is going to be the primary  
25 population, based on the community needs.

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2 We're expecting programs to serve 200 youth  
3 during the school year. At least 100 must  
4 reflect the grade levels of the whole school.  
5 The other 100 can represent any other grade  
6 level and/or the community.

7 So the RFP is design to allow for  
8 flexibility based on school and community  
9 needs. So once you have your proposal, I know  
10 many of you have been meeting with your  
11 principals, you're pretty much going to tailor  
12 your services based on the grade level of the  
13 school and the community needs. So there's a  
14 lot of flexibility that we're allowing through  
15 this RFP. So if you are planning to serve a  
16 group of elementary, K to five students, the  
17 average daily attendance is 80 percent. For  
18 middle school, sixth through eighth, we're  
19 expecting 150 hours per participant per school  
20 year. And for high school age we are expecting  
21 a hundred hours per participant per school  
22 year. But again, you have that flexibility  
23 from the 200 to decide the population that  
24 you're going to serve.

25 Minimum hours per week is 42 hours

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2           over six days, Monday through Friday.  
3           Weekends, end of the school day, and no later  
4           than ten p.m. And on weekends to be negotiated  
5           with the whole school. And obviously, again,  
6           community need.

7                   Summer. So proposers must choose  
8           one of the three options set out below. So  
9           under all three options, the Beacon must offer  
10          a summer camp program for at least some  
11          elementary grade students. And we say some,  
12          again, to allow for that flexibility. You can  
13          determine what that some is for you and your  
14          community.

15                   So there are three options.  
16          Option one. Monday through Friday, 70 hours;  
17          weekends, seven hours; and which comes out to a  
18          total of 77 hours. This is eight a.m. to ten  
19          p.m., Saturday or Sunday from three p.m. to ten  
20          p.m. The minimum enrollment requirement is  
21          175.

22                   For option two, the hours would be  
23          eight to six Monday through Friday, but there's  
24          a little bit more flexibility to allow you to  
25          extend your summer camp hours, either Monday



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2 through Friday, any day during the week and/or  
3 Saturday or Sunday. But again, you have that  
4 flexibility. With that said, should you choose  
5 option two, the expectation is that you're  
6 serving 225 participants.

7 For option three it's Monday  
8 through Friday, 50 hours, eight to six, total  
9 of 350 hours. But the expectation in that  
10 model would be that you're serving 275 students  
11 during the summer.

12 MR. VEREEN: Students or  
13 participants?

14 MS. ASCHERL: Participants.

15 THE MODERATOR: Save questions  
16 until the end.

17 MS. ASCHERL: Oh, sorry.

18 Why did you do that.

19 MR. VEREEN: That's a big  
20 difference, that's a major difference.

21 MS. ASCHERL: So okay. So again,  
22 so when I said earlier minimum of 1,200  
23 participants, so if you're looking towards the  
24 bottom and you're seeing option three, then the  
25 expectation of the minimum enrollment, should

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2                   you choose option three, the minimum enrollment  
3                   for the contract is 1,300.

4                                 Last but not least, community  
5                   partnerships. It is anticipated that proposers  
6                   have a strong community connection and sound  
7                   knowledge of services in the neighborhood.

8                                 Contractor would have a minimum of  
9                   three community partnerships, and the  
10                  agreements must be submitted along with the  
11                  proposal.

12                                Each Beacon must have an advisory  
13                  council that meets at least four times a year.

14                                And to ensure that middle and high  
15                  school youth have meaningful leadership  
16                  opportunities, the Beacon would either ensure  
17                  youth are adequately represented on the  
18                  advisory council or establish a separate youth  
19                  advisory council.

20                                And just as a reminder, as you're  
21                  submitting your agreements, the description --  
22                  to include description of services, type of  
23                  service that will be provided, and description  
24                  of process for making referrals if the  
25                  partnership involves referrals.

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2 Thank you for your time.

3 THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Wanda.

4 And I'd like to take this time to  
5 remind you, if you have not been to a  
6 pre-proposal conference, that we do have a  
7 question and answer segment. So if there's a  
8 question regarding the presentation or anything  
9 related to the RFP, we are going to give you  
10 the opportunity to come ask your question. But  
11 for now please write it down. And thank you  
12 for allowing us to get through this  
13 presentation. We're almost done.

14 So now I'd like to welcome to the  
15 podium our special guest from the Department of  
16 Education, and that is Michelle Rosa. She's  
17 going to come and present the segment for the  
18 New York City Department of Education.

19 MS. ROSA: Good afternoon,  
20 everybody.

21 (Chorus of "good afternoon.")

22 MS. ROSA: I hope everyone is  
23 doing well.

24 The Office of Community Schools is  
25 led by our executive director. Oh, sorry. My

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2                   name is Michelle Rosa. I'm from the Office of  
3                   Community Schools. And I'm the Senior Program  
4                   Manager of City Wide Programs for the  
5                   Department of Education.

6                   The Office of Community Schools is  
7                   led by our Executive Director, Chris Caruso.  
8                   It's very similar to the DYCD model, we kind of  
9                   copied from them a little bit. We contract  
10                  with CBO partners to work with schools. We are  
11                  the team that supports the community schools  
12                  that are program managers. And I lead the  
13                  strategic partnership team at the Office of  
14                  Community Schools, along with two program  
15                  officers, Carrie Cesario (phonetic) and Nadia  
16                  Telacum (phonetic.) And their main jobs -- our  
17                  main job is to cultivate and support  
18                  partnerships with city agencies, such as a  
19                  DYCD. We work closely with our colleagues here  
20                  at DYCD to ensure partnerships at the school  
21                  level provide support as necessary.

22                  So here's our goal at the Office  
23                  of Community Schools. The Office of Community  
24                  Schools supports schools to work with community  
25                  based organizations to become places where

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2 children have opportunities to learn, gain  
3 skills, create joy, and have experiences that  
4 ignite curiosity and allow children to discover  
5 their passions and talents.

6 We all know that this just doesn't  
7 happen during the school day. It takes  
8 collaboration and partnership. Like the  
9 saying, it takes a village to raise a child,  
10 this is part of it. It takes a community. And  
11 I know that a lot of community based  
12 organizations in our neighborhoods provide that  
13 support, whether it's an after school, on the  
14 weekends, it's summer camp, that's sometimes  
15 where these things do happen.

16 So one of the things that we have  
17 done before when the RFP came out was to have  
18 discussions with superintendents and principals  
19 about the Beacon RFP so they understood who is  
20 DYCD, what is a Beacon, what is a Beacon RFP,  
21 and what entails true partnership between both.

22 We do believe that a positive and  
23 productive relationship between the Beacon and  
24 the whole school is fundamental in program  
25 success. We ask principals to set time with

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stakeholders, or their SLT team, to create a team to interview the CBO providers that will be connecting with them. So when you're ready, have connected with some principals, and I'm sure other CBOs are starting to reach out to some of the host schools.

And this is kind of like the process that we've discussed with some of the principals and the superintendents in collaboration with DYCD. And one of them is a School Partnership Agreement, also known as SPA or SPA, is a minimum requirement for this RFP. Principals will need to sign off on a School Partnership Agreement and proposals will not be considered without the principal's signature. We have discussed with principals to sign multiple SPAs, and each of those that are signed will be considered on the application.

The Office of Community School has worked very closely, like I mentioned, with DYCD to prioritize and strengthen relationships in this new RFP. For instance, the host school principal and CBO leadership will be expected to collaborate. It is expected that the

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2 selected proposer will involve the school  
3 principal in the selection of the Beacon  
4 director, of course in collaboration.

5 Additional items for the -- as  
6 part of the SPA and interview with principals  
7 and the SLT is:

8 Principals will identify a liaison  
9 from his or her staff to facilitate ongoing  
10 communication. Because communication is key,  
11 whether it is for the writing of the proposal  
12 or once the selection process is made.

13 Beacon directors are being part of  
14 the school governance structure, such as the  
15 SLT team or the school building council.

16 Establish regular scheduled  
17 meetings with principal or designee. Sometimes  
18 it's hard to get the principal to be that one  
19 person because they're balancing different  
20 priorities, but at least having that one person  
21 that you know that you can go to and be that  
22 liaison between the school is very important.

23 Identifying space, and this is  
24 like number one, you know, your best friend is  
25 the custodian to help with this too sometimes.

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2 But it's identifying space and including  
3 resources that the school might have that you  
4 might be able to use during the hours that the  
5 school is not utilizing those things.

6 Beacon staff will work with the  
7 whole school to develop a strategy to reduce  
8 chronic absenteeism. Wanda mentioned the  
9 outreach coordinator earlier. This is  
10 something that they might be able to support,  
11 as well as family engagement that Wanda was  
12 mentioning earlier, that might be something  
13 that you might want to share data with the  
14 school, the school share data with you who are  
15 those students that are not making it to  
16 school, who are those families that they're  
17 having an issue or having trouble reaching out  
18 to them, because maybe they don't respond to  
19 the school but they may respond to some of the  
20 Beacon staff members because they might speak  
21 the language; many different reasons.

22 The school partnership will ensure  
23 alignment between the Beacon programs and other  
24 services that help support the needs of the  
25 community.



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2 Okay. Over here we listed  
3 principles for effective school and CBO  
4 partnerships. These are just a few.

5 Planning collaboratively from the  
6 start. That means -- I was going to say pen  
7 and paper for writing of the RFP, but not  
8 really because you have to submit it in HHS  
9 Accelerator, so typing it, probably computer  
10 and fingers on board, to ensure that you are  
11 talking with the principal or community members  
12 and seeing, collaborating together to ensure  
13 that you're meeting -- you're aligning your  
14 goals, seeing what's the vision, what are your  
15 needs. Principals should be having these  
16 conversations with you and asking questions,  
17 and vice versa, you should be asking them these  
18 questions as well. And that's for the planning  
19 process.

20 In terms of programming, setting  
21 ground rules, what's expected, what's not  
22 expected, what's okay, what can you deliver.  
23 Don't say that you could deliver the world  
24 because that's not true, and being realistic in  
25 what your CBOs can do. Smart small, build

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2 gradually, share decision making. That's --  
3 when you clarify the vision, that will  
4 definitely help.

5 To help schools and principals  
6 understand the Beacon model in this specific  
7 RFP, one thing that we did was to DYCD and DoE  
8 posted a webinar for principals earlier this  
9 week so that they have a better understanding  
10 of this. And we'll be emailing, for those that  
11 were not able to make the webinar, emailing the  
12 information as well. But it's very much  
13 exactly what we're presenting right now.

14 And I noted here, it might sound  
15 simple but it goes a long way, is introducing  
16 key staff both from the Beacon program or those  
17 key staff from your organization, so if you're  
18 not a Beacon provider, and as well as from the  
19 school, who are those key people that you want  
20 to get to know, because that makes relationship  
21 building very important.

22 Building a vision together as part  
23 of this RFP is definitely a key, and that's  
24 always a start. These principles are both for  
25 reporting during the interview process, but

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2 become even more crucial once the selection  
3 process is made and the program begins.

4 Thank you, and good luck to  
5 everybody.

6 THE MODERATOR: Thank you,  
7 Michelle.

8 And now we're going to go through  
9 some post award requirements. Upon signing in  
10 you should have received an FAQ sheet regarding  
11 the public assistance hiring commitment rider.  
12 We just want to make sure that you have that  
13 sheet to take with you. It has some key  
14 information. And if you didn't receive it,  
15 please be sure to grab one on your way out.

16 Responsibility determination. How  
17 many of you are familiar with responsibility  
18 determinations, that your organization, upon  
19 award, has to be determined responsible? I see  
20 some nodding, some -- okay, so a couple of  
21 people know what I'm speaking of. But we just  
22 want to make sure, because it is a requirement,  
23 for all contractors to be determined  
24 responsible in the post award phase, we want to  
25 make sure that you check your VENDEX filings,

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2 make sure they're up to date. Check your  
3 charity filings, ensure that they're current.  
4 And if you have any outstanding liens or  
5 adverse information, review that to make sure  
6 it's all been resolved. Unresolved issues  
7 often cause significant delays in the post  
8 award process. And, as you can see, we are on  
9 a tight time line to get these awards placed  
10 for September 1st. So we just wanted to  
11 highlight that for you.

12 Okay, Notice for Proposer's  
13 Subcontractor Compliance. Subcontracting is  
14 allowed subject to the following conditions:

15 The contractor must identify the  
16 subcontractor in the proposal;

17 The subcontractor expectations set  
18 out in the RFP equally apply to any  
19 subcontractor;

20 Services provided by the  
21 subcontractor must be integrated into the  
22 overall programming design;

23 No more than 30 percent of the  
24 program budget may be subcontracted;

25 All subcontractors and

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2 subcontracts are subject to DYCD approval  
3 before any expenses are incurred or any  
4 payments are made to them by the prime  
5 contractor, and must be reported using the  
6 payee informational order.

7 Note, subcontractors are not  
8 required to be prequalified in the HHS  
9 Accelerator system. And they are not required  
10 to be non -- sorry, nonprofit organizations.

11 So we have some important --  
12 additional important information. Beginning  
13 with the New York City liability insurance  
14 requirement.

15 The contractor must demonstrate  
16 that necessary insurance coverage, commercial  
17 general liability, with an insurance of one  
18 million per occurrence and two million dollars  
19 aggregate. Motor vehicle liability insurance  
20 of five million dollars, if applicable, and  
21 workers compensation insurance is in place from  
22 the first day of the contract by providing an  
23 original certificate of insurance naming the  
24 City of New York together with its officials  
25 and employees as an additional insured. DYCD

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2                   will not be able to proceed with processing an  
3                   awarded contract until it has obtained proof of  
4                   the necessary insurance coverage.

5                                 DYCD encourages M/WBE  
6                   participation and recommends the utilization of  
7                   certified M/WBEs. So all contractors are  
8                   encouraged to utilize business and individual  
9                   proprietors listed on the New York City online  
10                  directory of certified M/WBE businesses,  
11                  available at [www.nyc.gov/sbs](http://www.nyc.gov/sbs) as sources for its  
12                  purchases of goods, supplies, services and  
13                  equipment using funds obtained through the  
14                  agreement.

15                                 Contractor is also encouraged to  
16                  utilize businesses and individual proprietors  
17                  owned/operated by people with disabilities as  
18                  sources for its purchases of goods, supplies,  
19                  services, equipment, using funds obtained  
20                  through this agreement.

21                                 And if I was speaking too fast or  
22                  it was a lot of information given, have no  
23                  fear, the transcript, presentation and  
24                  attendance rosters will be posted to DYCD  
25                  website for viewing.

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2 And now for the moment you may  
3 have been waiting for is your opportunity to  
4 ask questions and get some clarification. And  
5 before you come up to ask your questions, I  
6 just want to let you know that the question  
7 segment is only for the purposes of this RFP,  
8 this Beacon Community Center RFP. And when the  
9 question and answer session ends, the panel  
10 will no longer be available to answer any of  
11 your questions. So please, take advantage of  
12 this time now.

13 And when you come up to ask your  
14 question, what we ask you to do, I'm going to  
15 bring the microphone on this side, you can line  
16 up over here, you can come ask questions as  
17 many times as you want, just make sure that you  
18 always state your name and the name of your  
19 organization. And again, our panel is here,  
20 ready, willing and able to answer any questions  
21 that you may have. And it also is helpful if  
22 you state the page of the RFP that pertains to  
23 your question. Okay? So please don't be shy,  
24 come on up.

25 MS. McKELVEY: Hi, my name is

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2 Stacy McKelvey. I'm an independent contractor  
3 on behalf of the Child Center of New York. I  
4 have four questions. The first one is just  
5 logistical.

6 Attachment D doesn't allow rows to  
7 be added, it prohibits it in the format. Can  
8 we change the format to add rows or is there a  
9 reason that those rows are not in there?

10 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: So that's the  
11 planned activities, and you've run out of rows.  
12 I would say for now you can elaborate in the  
13 narrative.

14 Just out of curiosity, how short  
15 are we on the rows?

16 MS. MCKELVEY: I think it's like  
17 five, or six.

18 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Five, okay.  
19 But we'll consider this issue. But for now, I  
20 think our advisement is to discuss it in the  
21 narrative.

22 MS. MCKELVEY: So my second  
23 question is about subcontracting and  
24 co-locating. There is a minimum of, or a cap  
25 at 30 percent subcontracting, 30 percent



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2 co-locating, and then within the co-location  
3 section in the beginning of the RFP it states  
4 that 70 percent of program activities have to  
5 be provided by the Beacon provider. Does that  
6 mean that subcontractor activities are  
7 considered services rendered by the Beacon  
8 provider? So, in other words, can we  
9 potentially have a program that has 30 percent  
10 subcontracting and 30 percent co-locating, or,  
11 is it 30 percent either/or?

12 MR. RATTRAY: So in the scenario  
13 you gave in the question, the subcontractors  
14 are considered direct service. So we're only  
15 capping you, in that scenario, at the 30  
16 percent co-locators.

17 MS. McKELVEY: Got it. Thank you.

18 My third question, you -- so on  
19 page two of the RFP it's asking us to create a  
20 twelve month budget, even though in year one  
21 we're only providing services for ten months.  
22 So that's obviously adding in that summer  
23 component that we're missing. Are we  
24 projecting that for a theoretical year one  
25 summer, or are we doing that ten months year

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2 one plus year two? And I ask because the  
3 minimum wage increase will be different in that  
4 year two versus year one, so I want to make  
5 sure we are doing that correctly.

6 MR. RATTRAY: Let's do a  
7 theoretical year one summary.

8 MS. McKELVEY: Okay, good, that  
9 actually is super helpful, thank you.

10 And my last question is about,  
11 it's on page 13 of the RFP, program staffing.  
12 The resource coordinator can be the Beacon  
13 director and it says or, quote, "another senior  
14 staff." Senior staff isn't defined anywhere.  
15 I know key staff is. Can you define senior  
16 staff? And can you also let me know if the  
17 person that we're having perform the resource  
18 coordinator's duties, other than the program  
19 director, has a minimum educational requirement  
20 such as a bachelors degree.

21 MR. RATTRAY: So we don't specify  
22 minimum qualifications for that staff person.  
23 Senior staff, key staff is someone with  
24 decision making duties, someone that can be  
25 given the additional responsibility with some

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2 assurances.

3 MS. MCKELVEY: Thank you for your  
4 time.

5 MS. DEHLER: Hi there. My name is  
6 at Johanna Dehler. I'm with Mosholu Montefiore  
7 Community Center. And I have a question  
8 regarding the community partnerships. Because  
9 I was not entirely sure what type counts as a  
10 community partnership and who has to sign them.  
11 The RFP on page 12 says community partnership  
12 arrangements may include ongoing referrals,  
13 joint projects, co-locators of services, and  
14 subcontractors. And that's where the question  
15 came in. I actually sent a question to the  
16 email. And I got an answer back that said yes,  
17 you should actually include subcontractors.  
18 And it says if you have community partners who,  
19 if you are awarded a contract, will become  
20 subcontractors, you would fill out the details  
21 of the proposed partnership on the Community  
22 Partnership Agreement Form.

23 So I sent a form to one of our  
24 potential subcontractors, and she said oh, I  
25 was at the RFP conference yesterday, and since

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2 we are getting paid, we should not be filling  
3 out a partnership agreement form.

4 So my question is, are we filling  
5 out a partnership agreement form for a  
6 subcontractor that is going to be in the budget  
7 or are we not?

8 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: You are, yes.

9 MS. DEHLER: Yes, we are filling  
10 it out?

11 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yes.

12 MS. DEHLER: Okay.

13 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: And that will  
14 be also clarified in an addendum.

15 MS. DEHLER: Okay.

16 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: So it will  
17 correct the misstatements from yesterday.

18 MS. DEHLER: Great. So we will  
19 include them?

20 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yes.

21 MS. DEHLER: So they count, okay.  
22 Great.

23 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yes.

24 MS. DEHLER: All right, thank you  
25 so much.

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2 MS. FU: Hi. My name is Helen Fu.  
3 I'm from the Chinese-American Planning Council.  
4 My apologies in advance, I'm overcoming a cold,  
5 so you might not hear me too clearly. I also  
6 have a clarification regarding the partnership  
7 agreements.

8 On page 12 of the RFP it says that  
9 the executive director of the partnership  
10 agreement organization should sign the  
11 agreement. But on the revised community  
12 partnership form it says that we can obtain a  
13 signature of a person authorized to sign on  
14 behalf of the community partners. So I wanted  
15 a clarification that we need the executive  
16 director, or if it could be a representative.

17 MS. ASCHERL: I just want to make  
18 sure, when you mention on the form, you mean  
19 the actual partnership?

20 MS. FU: The revised -- right, the  
21 partnership form, right.

22 MS. ASCHERL: Okay.

23 MR. RATTRAY: An authorized  
24 designee is fine.

25 MS. FU: Authorized is fine, okay.

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2 Thank you very much. That helps a lot. Thank  
3 you.

4 And, I'm sorry, I have one more  
5 question. Hello. I also want to clarify about  
6 the staffing plan. So it was mentioned that a  
7 full time Beacon director, resource  
8 coordinator, outreach coordinator, is expected.  
9 And I just wanted to know if there are any  
10 other I guess key staff besides those three  
11 that we should include in our narrative in our  
12 proposal.

13 MS. ASCHERL: No, those are the  
14 only key staff.

15 MS. FU: Key staff, okay. All  
16 right, thank you very much.

17 MS. CALLE: Good afternoon. My  
18 name is Dennisse Calle from the Coalition for  
19 Hispanic Family Services.

20 So I had a question about target  
21 population. So let's say I have a middle  
22 school student who is an active participant in  
23 the Beacon program and who comes to the  
24 community event. Will he be -- will he count  
25 towards that 500 for that target population?

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2 MR. RATTRAY: So at the end of the  
3 program year, if you will, the expectation is  
4 that you have 1,200 unduplicated participants.  
5 So if he's already enrolled in your middle  
6 school and he's an enrolled participant  
7 counting towards your middle school both dosage  
8 enrollment and program enrollment, then the 500  
9 are going to have to be unduplicated  
10 individuals that aren't enrolled in something  
11 else. Does that make sense? So theoretically  
12 you would have 501 in your attendance roster,  
13 of which we're counting 500.

14 MS. CALLE: Can I follow up?

15 MR. RATTRAY: Go ahead.

16 MS. CALLE: So let's say I have --  
17 so does it matter? No, that's not -- okay, I  
18 think I got it. Thank you.

19 MR. SWAUGER: Hi. I'm John  
20 Swauger from Roosevelt Island Youth Program. I  
21 have three questions, some of which I might  
22 remember.

23 On attachment D to the schedule of  
24 activities, there's a column on the first table  
25 which asks for hours per week of different

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2 activities. Do you want the number of hours  
3 that we would offer per week, or the number of  
4 hours we would expect one participant to engage  
5 in per week? For example, we might offer gym  
6 every day but only expect kids -- any given kid  
7 to be in for two hours a week. So I don't know  
8 which number you want. Does that make any  
9 sense?

10 MR. RATTRAY: It's the hours of  
11 the actual activity per week.

12 MR. SWAUGER: So if we offer gym  
13 five days a week for an hour, we should say --

14 MR. RATTRAY: Five hours, that's  
15 correct.

16 MR. SWAUGER: Okay, thanks.

17 On the next table, the one that  
18 gives activities for the first four weeks,  
19 should -- is that -- should we do that as  
20 activities for one participant? Because I  
21 don't think there's room -- if we offer  
22 multiple activities in the same time slot,  
23 there's not room to list them.

24 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yes. So chart  
25 one you would list all your activities.



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2 MR. SWAUGER: Yes.

3 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: All right.

4 And hours per week and the number. And then  
5 when you go to the schedule, you can list them  
6 in the time period, you can list multiple  
7 concurrent activities.

8 MR. SWAUGER: And the boxes on the  
9 chart will expand?

10 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yeah.

11 MR. SWAUGER: Okay. So we list  
12 all the activities in that time slot, okay.

13 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yeah.

14 MR. SWAUGER: Great. Okay, thank  
15 you.

16 And the third question I had, the  
17 chart that was shown shows that we have to have  
18 at least 500 participants in community events,  
19 but shows only one event necessary per year.  
20 But actually we're supposed to have three,  
21 right? So does that mean that we can get  
22 500 -- an unduplicated count of 500 people over  
23 the three events?

24 MR. RATTRAY: That's correct.

25 MR. SWAUGER: Okay, thank you.

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2 MR. RATTRAY: And if you achieve  
3 the 500 on your first event, you're still  
4 required --

5 MR. SWAUGER: You still have  
6 to do --

7 MR. RATTRAY: -- to do two  
8 additional events, at least one of the three  
9 being held.

10 MR. SWAUGER: Thank you.

11 MS. FLESHMAN: Good afternoon,  
12 panel members. Robin Fleshman from the  
13 Children's Aid Society. I had two questions.

14 One question is specifically for  
15 this particular site. The school that we would  
16 be subcontracting with, partnering with is a  
17 middle school, but there's another middle  
18 school in the building, and then there's the  
19 high school. So the question is for those 200  
20 students, can we serve 150 of the middle school  
21 students, and then allocate the last 50 slots  
22 to either high school or bringing in elementary  
23 students from the community?

24 MR. RATTRAY: And you're referring  
25 to the 200 participants you identified for the

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2 dosing?

3 MS. FLESHMAN: Right, yes.

4 MR. RATTRAY: So the minimum  
5 requirement, because you're in a middle school,  
6 is that at least 100 of your dosage requirement  
7 students are middle school aged participants,  
8 whether they come from the host school or a  
9 school outside of the host school.

10 MS. FLESHMAN: Okay.

11 MR. RATTRAY: With that being  
12 said, it's up to you to decide the remaining  
13 breakdown.

14 MS. FLESHMAN: So we can say we  
15 would rather do 150 middle school?

16 MR. RATTRAY: Absolutely.

17 MS. FLESHMAN: And then 50 of the  
18 high school?

19 MR. RATTRAY: Yeah.

20 MS. FLESHMAN: Oh, okay cool.

21 The last question is in reference  
22 to the summer. What qualifies as the  
23 attendance rate for each option, and what age  
24 ranges are we required to serve and in what  
25 amount?

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2 MR. RATTRAY: So we don't  
3 prescribe the numbers. We expect you to give  
4 that to us. But one expectation is that there  
5 is a cap operating for elementary age  
6 participants as well throughout the summer.

7 MS. FLESHMAN: There is a  
8 requirement for the summer, okay. And so for  
9 the attendance rate is there -- what qualifies  
10 the attendance rate?

11 MR. RATTRAY: We currently don't  
12 have a qualification for it.

13 MS. FLESHMAN: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon.

15 Dwayne Brown, St. Nicks Alliance.

16 In our Beacon, one of our Beacons,  
17 we also have -- operate a SYP contract. We  
18 have a large fourteen and fifteen year old  
19 population there. And we want to look at doing  
20 some college exploration for the targeted group  
21 of the SYP. And I want to know can we count  
22 those numbers or would it be considered double  
23 numbers or duplicated?

24 MR. RATTRAY: You can count them  
25 as long as the two programs are isolated in

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2 time. So if -- when there should be an SYP,  
3 you're counting them in the Beacon at the same  
4 time and getting positive attendance, then  
5 that's a no-no. But if they finish their SYP  
6 duties and they went to a Beacon activity,  
7 that's fine. That would be fine in that  
8 scenario.

9 MR. BROWN: All right, perfect.

10 MS. JAMES: Cherry James from the  
11 Graham Windham Beacon, Hunts Point.

12 I have a question concerning the  
13 schedule and the computer system. When you  
14 work on the program, on the paper portion of  
15 the program on the computer, and you transfer  
16 it into the computer, is there enough room to  
17 transfer the two, are we cutting and pasting  
18 into the computer? Are we proposing taking it  
19 all from what you have, the paper portion, the  
20 Word document, I should say, into the computer  
21 system, into Excel?

22 MS. ASCHERL: What, into  
23 Accelerator? Into Accelerator?

24 MS. JAMES: Into Accelerator.

25 MS. DIEM: So two things. if you

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2 are speaking about uploading documents, yeah,  
3 there's an option to upload from your document  
4 work or to upload from your computer. If  
5 you're speaking -- if your question is about  
6 entering information in the fields, there would  
7 be a character tracker. So it tells you  
8 exactly how much -- how long your comments can  
9 be, how much can be filled into that particular  
10 box.

11 MS. JAMES: Okay. So when I'm  
12 working on my schedule, can I work directly  
13 into Accelerator to do the schedule, or do I  
14 need to do it in the Word document and it's an  
15 upload document in Accelerator? Can I work  
16 directly into the computer system on the  
17 schedule, or should I do it in the Word  
18 document and then upload it?

19 MS. DIEM: Do you want to --

20 DEREK: I'm Derek from MOCS. I  
21 heard the question was do you want to work on  
22 the Word document. You can just save that Word  
23 document and edit it to your liking, and you  
24 can actually attach the PDF in the back or --

25 MS. ROSA: She's saying if she

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2 could do it directly on the system.

3 DEREK: But it's a fillable form  
4 though.

5 MS. DIEM: Yeah, it's a fillable  
6 form.

7 MS. JAMES: So it's a fillable  
8 form on the --

9 DEREK: It's a fillable form.

10 MS. JAMES: -- in the Accelerator  
11 program, or it's a fillable form in the Word  
12 document right now?

13 DEREK: It's in a fillable form in  
14 the Word document. And then you transfer --

15 MS. JAMES: But then are you  
16 uploading it?

17 DEREK: Correct, yes.

18 MS. JAMES: Okay. So I'm working  
19 primarily in the Word document, and then I'm  
20 uploading the majority of material into the  
21 Accelerator.

22 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: I think it  
23 allows for either way. You could type directly  
24 into it, or you could work on a separate Word  
25 document, copy and paste it in. But there is a

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2 word limit in the responses that -- for your  
3 responses in the structured proposal.

4 MS. JAMES: Yeah, because I  
5 just -- it just sounded like I had to do it  
6 twice, and I just want to know if I can just do  
7 it once, you know what I'm saying? It's like  
8 I'm doing it in the one document and I'm doing  
9 it again

10 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: You can do it  
11 directly in the field.

12 MS. JAMES: So I can just do it  
13 right in the field.

14 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Right in the  
15 field.

16 MS. JAMES: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. VEREEN: Hello. Joe Vereen,  
18 Flushing YMCA.

19 The first question -- I have a  
20 couple. The first question is, we have two  
21 schools in the building, a middle school and a  
22 high school. I know our middle school isn't  
23 listed, but would it be okay if we submitted  
24 partnership agreements with both schools in the  
25 package?



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2 MR. RATTRAY: Sir so the system  
3 won't actually allow to you submit two.

4 MR. VEREEN: Okay.

5 MR. RATTRAY: The requirement is  
6 the school and principal that's listed.

7 MR. VEREEN: Okay.

8 MR. RATTRAY: And that's the  
9 minimum requirement that we gave.

10 MR. VEREEN: All right.

11 The second question is, in the  
12 presentation today it was stated that the  
13 outreach coordinator is now a mandatory  
14 stand-alone position. In the release it stated  
15 it could fall under another person's  
16 responsibilities. Was that a change? Page 13,  
17 CB.

18 MS. ASCHERL: Is your question  
19 that the -- we're now saying that the outreach  
20 coordinator is a stand-alone position?

21 MR. VEREEN: Yes.

22 MR. RATTRAY: And is your -- is  
23 part of your -- this came up yesterday, and the  
24 question was hey, I have a part time staff  
25 person who does a function for me at certain

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2 times, can I use that person if I identify the  
3 times that this person will be doing the  
4 outreach program, is that --

5 MR. VEREEN: No. I was planning  
6 on using a full time assistant director or  
7 social worker to do this. But -- because the  
8 last grant called for an assistant director,  
9 and this one doesn't.

10 MR. RATTRAY: One more second.

11 MR. VEREEN: Okay.

12 MR. RATTRAY: All right. So,  
13 similar to the answer yesterday. That's  
14 allowable; however, the times that the person,  
15 in this case assistant director, is conducting  
16 the outreach coordination work needs to be  
17 clearly defined, and during those times that's  
18 all they should be doing. It shouldn't be a  
19 blended position where, you know, within the  
20 hour they're doing everything within their job  
21 description. It should be clearly defined  
22 times that they're doing outreach.

23 MR. VEREEN: Clearly --

24 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: We'll clarify  
25 that in an addendum.

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2 MR. VEREEN: -- defined times for  
3 this job. All right.

4 MR. RATTRAY: We, we -- can I keep  
5 going? Because we want that role to be  
6 purposeful, we want that role to be  
7 intentional. And part of it is to have clearly  
8 defined times they're doing it, what they're  
9 doing, and it doesn't get overshadowed by the  
10 day-to-day operations of something else.

11 MR. VEREEN: Okay. You know,  
12 that's interesting because of the community  
13 needs that we have, sometimes that outreach --  
14 we don't have necessarily a hard to reach  
15 population. So it's going to look different at  
16 every Beacon.

17 MR. RATTRAY: Absolutely.

18 MR. VEREEN: Okay, all right.

19 And so the other thing is that  
20 this whole focus on attendance for the school.  
21 Well, we're community type, so we are going to  
22 have kids coming from different schools. So  
23 how are we supposed to know attendance at every  
24 single school that we are partnered with or  
25 where the kids come from?

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2 MR. RATTRAY: Sorry, this is in  
3 regard to the chronic absenteeism?

4 MR. VEREEN: Yeah.

5 MR. RATTRAY: The expectation is  
6 that the young people, the students that you  
7 work with are from the host school.

8 MR. VEREEN: From the host school.  
9 And if the host school doesn't have a chronic  
10 absenteeism problem, we are good?

11 MR. RATTRAY: Then you don't have  
12 to if that's the case.

13 MR. VEREEN: Okay. There's this  
14 thing about the public assistance program, that  
15 I never heard of before.

16 MR. RATTRAY: Right.

17 MR. VEREEN: So can we talk a  
18 little bit more about that, because --

19 THE MODERATOR: Unfortunately we  
20 don't have anyone here from HRA. But I believe  
21 everything you need to know is in that FAQ form  
22 you received, and I think there is a contact,  
23 right, contact information if you have further  
24 questions. Did you get that FAQ form?

25 MR. VEREEN: I got the FAQ form.

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2 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. So you can  
3 contact HRA.

4 MR. VEREEN: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. JERVES: Hi, good afternoon  
6 everyone. My name is Andrea Jerves. I come  
7 from HANAC, Inc. And I have a question for the  
8 Community Partners. I understood that they  
9 have to be from the same neighborhood?

10 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Not  
11 necessarily.

12 MS. JERVES: So they could be  
13 around the area?

14 MR. FRENZEL-BERRA: Yes.

15 MS. JERVES: Okay. Thank you.

16 THE MODERATOR: Are there any more  
17 questions?

18 MS. DEHLER: One more.

19 THE MODERATOR: Sure, come up.

20 MS. DEHLER: It's more a  
21 suggestion than a question.

22 THE MODERATOR: Your name?

23 MS. DEHLER: Johanna Dehler,  
24 Mosholu Montefiore Community Center.

25 It's in regard to the scheduled

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activity form, the Word document, and it was said, you know, it has limited lines. If that could be a consideration to make that add-able, to add more, because there is not a lot of space to add more. So I'm already maxed out in the narrative, and it gets difficult to pack it into the narrative. Okay, thank you.

MR. RATTRAY: We will absolutely take that under consideration.

MS. DEHLER: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. If there are no more questions, I'd like to highlight some important reminders before we conclude.

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2 tight time line that we're on, and want to  
3 ensure services are in place for September 1st,  
4 there are no extensions to this deadline at  
5 this time. However, if something changes, we  
6 will issue an addendum to extend the deadline.  
7 Any additional addenda to this RFP will be made  
8 available in the HHS Accelerator system.

9 Transcript, presentation and the  
10 attendance roster will be posted to DYCD's  
11 website for your viewing.

12 And this officially concludes our  
13 Pre-proposal --

14 MR. RATTRAY: Excuse me.

15 THE MODERATOR: Well, not yet.

16 MR. RATTRAY: She didn't give you  
17 the disclaimer. The disclaimer is, that once  
18 this is over, the panel cannot answer any  
19 questions.

20 THE MODERATOR: I said it three  
21 times.

22 MR. RATTRAY: You said that? I  
23 didn't hear it.

24 THE MODERATOR: Thank you  
25 audience. I have witnesses.

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MR. RATTRAY: Okay, fine.

MS. ASCHERL: He wanted to use the  
mic.

THE MODERATOR: Okay, so again,  
thank you all, you've been great. This  
concludes our Pre-Proposal Conference. All the  
best to you and your proposal submissions.  
Have a great day.

(Time noted: 3:22 p.m.)



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