



Community Services - CSBG Update

January 2, 2018

Happy
New Year

The Division of Community Services would like to wish everyone a happy new year!

It's That Time of Year Again...

Are you ready to submit your ACROS? Remember that your ACROS documents are due to your Program Analyst by January 31st. Your ACROS documents should fit into no more than two 4-inch binders. Any more documentation than that is excessive and does not necessarily address the Organizational Standards. Be sure that as you review the guidance, your document provides evidence that the Standard has been met. Your ACROS documents will be returned by your Program Analyst during the third quarter site visit. If you have any questions, please contact your Program Analyst.



If you are due for a TRACS in 2018, you do not need to submit an ACROS.

Second Quarter Site Visits:

Only agencies that will have a TRACS conducted in FFY2018 will receive an on-site visit in the second quarter. Program Analysts will spend the second quarter reviewing your ACROS submissions. Please submit your PPR, Attestation Form, and MWBE Reports as you normally would and they will be desk-reviewed by your Program Analyst. Analysts will be available by phone and email for any questions or concerns you may have. Also, as always, analysts will be available for technical assistance visits as needed or requested.

News from DCS:

- ⇒ Three new Program Analysts, Aimee Kollar, Jennifer Pincus, and Jessica Collier will be receiving their grantee assignments soon. Grantees will be notified of changes in the coming weeks.
- ⇒ Amendment packages for FFY2017 to address unaudited financial statements are being distributed to agencies as needed. Please return your amendments as soon as possible.





Agency News:

- ⇒ Congratulations to Charles Quinn, appointed by Assembly Leader Carl Heastie to the CSBG Advisory Council. Mr. Quinn is the CEO of RECAP, the Community Action Agency serving Orange County.
- ⇒ After 20 years of distinguished service to the people of Chautauqua County, Roberta Keller, CEO of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. is retiring. DOS wishes her a long and healthy retirement. We welcome Franklin Monjarrez as the new CEO for that agency. Best wishes!

Strategic Planning

A series of webinars will be conducted by the Community Action Partnership beginning January 19, 2018. This is a great opportunity for your organization to become better versed in the intricacies of building a solid strategic plan.

More information may be found on the Partnership's website.

<https://www.communityactionpartnership.com/>



2018 Poverty Symposium

NYSCAA is preparing for the 12th Annual Symposium on Poverty and Economic Opportunity to be held on March 14, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. The symposium will bring together non-profits, government, community-based organizations, and businesses to explore the intersection between health care and poverty. Medical professionals, low-income people, and Community Action Agencies will discuss the challenges and successes in improving access to affordable, high quality health and dental health services.

Registration for the event is now open in the following link:

<https://nyscommunityaction.org/12th-annual-symposium-on-poverty-economic-security-march-13-2018-tue-13-mar-2018-220000-gmt/>

The Newsletter Team:



Tina LaRocca-Marcellus, Program Analyst with the Division of Community Services in Watertown, NY and Charm Lee, VISTA member for the Division of Community Services in Albany, NY. invite everyone to share stories and pictures of interest with their colleagues in the network by emailing: Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov or Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov

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