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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Myrna Calderon
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 7 th , 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yeny Medina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yini Rodriguez
Minutes Done By:	Myrna Calderon

Minutes:

- I. Review of last month's minutes**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
 - a) Motion made by Emmanuel Martinez to elect of new Vice-Committee Chair Yeny Medina. Motion passed, all in favor.
 - b) Presentation: Ms. Tammy Miller – Representative for family daycare providers, United Federation of Teachers
 - Recommendations on how families should select daycare providers
 - Tammy Miller's branch of the UFT represents between 13,000-15,000 providers.
 - Not all providers are licensed, because of the stringent licensing requirements of NYS. There are over 250 regulations that a provider or facility must comply with. So some providers are legally exempt, however, that does not mean that they are not fingerprinted, must follow NYS and NYC requirements, and are subject to inspections.
 - Ms. Miller's office actually represents over approximately 8,000 family members who are unlicensed providers.
 - Childcare providers can be found on the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) - NYC Website: OCFS.NY.GOV.
 - Many parents are looking for a small setting for younger children. She recommended looking for settings with an open door policy. She did not recommend using provider who did not have one.



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- Whether a facility was licensed or unlicensed, they are subject to unannounced inspections
 - There should be a visible area where all information is available for review by parents and inspectors
 - Any licenses should be posted
 - How many children they are allowed to service as well as ages.
 - Daily Menu (must be approved by CACFP Child Adult Care Food Program)
 - Schedule
 - Daycare costs
 - Days of hours of Operation
 - Parents must make sure their children are vaccinated
 - Any allergies must be disclosed
 - Medication cannot be administered by providers
 - Most centers are well baby care some do provide sick care
1. Provider must provide the following:
 - Discipline Policy NYS must be followed
 - (No Yelling)
 - Must have shelter in place drills
 - Nap times
 - Daily sign in sign out log
 - Visitor Log
 - Daily schedule
 2. Parents should visit program during normal operating hours (Use your intuition).
 3. Childcare providers are mandated reporters
 4. The UFT can provide a network of providers but can also be found through community organizations and many times they can provide subsidized care.
 5. Question was asked if they provided CPR instruction she said they do give training to lead provider in Child/Baby CPR.



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6. Emmanuel Martinez asked if the UFT provided training. Ms. Miller said yes they have a coaching and mentor program.
7. Yeny Martinez about special needs children: Ms. Miller said that yes they take children that have ADHD and special needs. Also that it was illegal to not provide services. However, the provider may need more state support services, to meet the child's needs.
8. Providers do take homeless children; they actually get paid a higher rate.
9. What are requirements for a childcare provider?
 - Minimal of diploma
 - Take specific childcare courses (offered by the UFT)
 - 30 hours of training of which 15 must be health
10. How much does childcare cost?
 - Usually market rate
 - There is an infant rate of about \$185.00
 - Sibling rate discount
11. How can parents get childcare vouchers?
 - They are very difficult to get. If you are on public assistance you can get the voucher, but only 1/2 are still eligible. If your provider is part of an ACS network parent may be able to obtain one.
12. Denise Relf said a number of children are getting services from providers from caregivers represented by different unions like DC 17 and other union providers. Denise asked how to become affiliated with the UFT and how much does it cost?
 - Initial costs for licensing are for the classes which are low cost. The UFT provides CDA certification for the main provider only. They do offer other classes for staff.
13. Question: Isn't being affiliated with a national Union better because they provide more benefits?
 - Ms. Miller stated they do provide free life insurance and they are looking into a retirement plan.



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c) Yankee Scholarship was discussed committee recommendations:

- Ages 14-18 HS students
- Students must live in CB7
Open to students in public schools
- Once application is received from The Yankees Org, committee will reach out to local schools to obtain a broader pool to choose from.
- Committee will review all applications essays to be submitted to Yankees Organization.

V. Old Business

- a) Yajaira Arias wants to connect with Arts and Humanities dept. Lehman College? They work with Mexican Institute Muralists.
- b) DOT does give grants and recommended that she work with Guerrinos against Graffiti

V. Next month's meeting date

- a) CB 7 Annual Tree Lighting – Thursday, December 6, 2018

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

VII. Adjournment