



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal – District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

June 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Lena Johnson, Md Alauddin Monique Farrington , Alizia McMyers, Sarwar Jahan, James Tynan, Sharyn Brown

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The social service & housing committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, veterans and housing concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, New York City Housing Authority, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Disability Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. Speakers

A. Joseph Onwu, NYC Commission On Human Rights

The New York City Commission on Human Rights is charged with the enforcement of the Human Rights Law, Title 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and with educating the public and encouraging positive community relations. The Commission is divided into two major bureaus -- Law Enforcement and Community Relations. The Law Enforcement Bureau is responsible for the intake, investigation, and prosecution of complaints alleging violations of the Law. The Community Relations Bureau provides public education about the Human Rights Law and helps cultivate understanding and respect among the City's many diverse communities through its borough-based Community Service Centers and numerous educational and outreach programs. There is no timeline of when the CCHR can respond to cases because it varies from case to case but the office tries to reply in a timely manner as much as possible when cases are received.

To contact NYC Commission of Human Rights Call 311

Joseph Onwu can be reached at jonwu@cchr.nyc.gov, 646-988-2601

If anyone in the community knows of any community-based organizations that would like to present, Mr. Onmu can facilitate this.

B. Nazmun Nahar, MetroPlusHealth

MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. is a subsidiary New York City Health+Hospitals.

Health+Hospitals is NYC public hospital system.

- Health + Hospitals includes 11 hospitals. 6 Gotham Facilities (formerly known as diagnostic and treatment centers).
- MetroPlus is celebrating 37 years of providing quality and affordable healthcare.
- MetroPlus is licensed to serve Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. Current MLTC Membership is 1,432
- Participating providers include Health+Hospitals facilities, Ancillary locations (Vision, Dental, DME, etc.) health centers, IPAs and Community Providers.

- Experienced, stable organization, offering Access to health care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Totalling to over 30,000 health care providers.

Nazmun Nahar, naharna@metroplus.org

Rasheeda Petersen, peterra@metroplus.org, 646-241-7317

RV location: Tuesday and Friday at the Parkchester oval

C. Dan Zauderer, Cofounder, Mott Haven Fridge

Presentation link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IF4NKj_4B50R1toFe3SjPcxNi5DJWnSiy76J_P42QxE/edit#slide=id.g130308edfb1_0_1076

Mott Haven Fridge thanks the 43rd Pct Council for their help

Contact Info: dan@mothavenfridge.com, 917-497-2514

To volunteer for an event visit: <https://www.jotform.com/220751205846150/>

Request by BM Monique Farrington for a for community fridge in Soundview.

As per Dan, fridges work better in collaboration with a NYCHA development that can host them, if anyone knows a development that wants to host a fridge or needs delivery they can contact Dan.

III. Old Business

A. New York State's first Chief Disability Officer

This position was a creation of Governor Hochul's and was established with the enactment of A3130 / S1836 in February of this year, which Assembly Member Reyes multi-sponsored. Under the statute, the office and its director/officer are meant to do the following: Advise and assist state agencies in developing policies designed to help meet the needs of persons with disabilities, Serve as the state's coordinator for disability policy, ensuring the following: New York State adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), State programs do not discriminate against persons with disabilities, Those programs provide services to individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs, Work with state agencies to develop legislation and potential regulatory changes to help effectuate the duties and responsibilities required in this article, and any other changes that may significantly affect the lives of persons with disabilities in the state, Review and report to the Governor about the potential impact of proposed legislation and regulations

B. Assembly Standing Committee on People with Disabilities

The Assembly Standing Committee on People with Disabilities is a functioning committee of the chamber. It is a committee that deals with and considers all legislation introduced that relates the challenges faced by persons with disabilities. It plays a leading role in crafting budget priorities for the needs of the disabled and has oversight over state agencies deal with disabled community. Also, it holds certain public hearings on specific topics. These hearings are not held frequently and are held usually during the off-session time of the year (July – December). Additionally, the New York State Senate has the Committee on Disabilities, which does many of the same functions as the Assembly committee.

IV. New Business

A. June Agenda Items

Invite Social Services Administration to attend future meeting.

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