



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary **April 6, 2021**

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Sharyn Brown, Jorge Hurtado, Doralina Colon, Sarwar Jahan, DM Rivera

Speakers

A. Iliana Almanzar, Live on NY- LiveOnNY is a nonprofit organization that facilitates organ, eye, and tissue donation for transplantation in the greater New York City area. LiveOnNY works with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life to the nearly 10,000 New Yorkers currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant. To learn more, please visit LiveOnNY.org. The Bronx has lowest numbers of individuals who are signed up to be a donor, but the Bronx is also high in numbers that need donors.

B. Miguel Marrero, Project Hope- Project Hope is an office of mental health. Project hope offers a help line where they provide resources for everyone in the community.

C. Milenka Berengolc, Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)- BCID provided support for those with disabilities and chronic conditions. BCIDs community health workers are people with disabilities, so they talk to you as peers. In the weekly calls they provide emotional support, guidance getting health care and other services that are needed, links to resources in the community and advice on how to advocate for yourself.

D. Department of Finance- Mr. Sharp from Department of Finance stated that the department of finance administered a rent freeze program. This program is targeted towards seniors and those who have disabilities. Mr. Sharp will speak more about this at the committee meeting in May.

*BM Daniel Porro spoke about getting deliveries done at ShopRite. Mr. Porro stated that the committee can draft a letter to the ShopRite manager. Daniel Porro proposed a motion to draft a letter to ShopRite to provide deliveries to seniors and people with disabilities and to have senior discounts. The vote was unanimous, and the motion was passed.

DM Report

-DVS Presentation to Bronx Community Boards- ADM Shirley Alonzo stated that DVS gave a presentation at Bough Board and shared the link nyc.gov/vets

-DM Rivera stated that he is working on getting a vaccination site in Parkchester and more vaccination sites in district.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM

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