



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

October 14, 2021

Board Members Present: Monique Farrington, Linda Soto, Ram Halder, Lenora Easter, Nellie Santiago Rivera, William Rivera (DM)

I. Introduction

- A. **Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

II. Speakers/Presentations

- A. **Dilema Valenzuela, NYC Poison Control-** Ms. Valenzuela did a PowerPoint presentation on poison control, safety, different chemicals, and prescription medicine disposal. Ms. Valenzuela shared the following links:
To request a community education presentation go to:
<https://survey.alchemet.com/s3/6046718/Request-a-Presentation-PCC>
Website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page>
To order Poison Control Center:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/poison/safety-material-order-form.pdf>
- B. **Naquawn Hallback & Tynessa Velez, Easy Living Shelters-** Mr. Hallback and Ms. Velez spoke about events that living shelter have been doing in the district with teens and talked about suicide prevention. Mr. Hallback and Ms. Velez shared a flyer for their weekly food giveaways (that will be in the CB9 bulletin). They are also currently fundraising to find a location to house their foundation and have two upcoming Halloween events.

III. Old Business

- Farrah Despeignes the president of CEC8 gave an update that there isn't a remote option for parents. Ms. Despeignes also stated that there is a shortage of staff, special ed teachers and security and there are over 5,000 COVID cases in schools.
- Teaching Brainiacs announced their services which include ELA classes, ESL classes and tutoring.

- BM Nellie Santiago Rivera stated that the moderna vaccine is being distributed at Metro Community Health Centers
- The Junior 100 Mentorship Application was shared, and the Deadline is November 19th, 2021. Please encourage your students to participate in this unique program by filling out the online application at <https://forms.gle/HHmv2ra4pgSssav98> or www.OHBM.org/Mentoring tab/ Junior One Hundred Interest form.
- There is a Bi-Weekly food pantry at Sonia Sotomayor Community Center

IV. DM Report

- Still waiting on furniture for CB9 office
- CB9 received 12 new board members, and the new board member orientation will be held this month
- District needs statements will be ready end of the month
- The back-to-school drive was successful and CB9 will be doing a Halloween event on October 31, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM

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