



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

January 4, 2022

Board Members Present: Lenora Easter, Linda Soto, Daniel Porro, James Tynan, Doralina Colon, Alizia McMyers, Sadie Davis, Md Allaudin

I. Introduction 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. Ellen Kolodney, BXDA Elder Abuse Task Force

As per Ms. Kolodney, the Elder Abuse Taskforce closed down at the end of March due to covid-19 and since then there has not been a formal taskforce meeting. Regardless, elder abuse complaints are still being called in and worked on. Any complaints filed must be criminal or dealing with an assault that rises to the level of an arrest though it's not up to referral to determine criminality. Ms. Kolodney is not an attorney but does work in the social services field and elder abuse referrals and discussions are invited for a deeper look as evaluations start on many levels including determining the cognitive ability of the victim. In every case, however, victims must want to cooperate. In many cases Covid has exasperated issues that lead to elder abuse. Family court is an alternative to criminal court for some cases. MDT Multidisciplinary teams in NY at Weill Cornell Hospital meets to discuss challenging cases.

Contact: Ellen Kolodney, Elder Abuse Coordinator, 718-590-2260,

kolodnee@bronxda.nyc.gov

B. Cristina Calderon, BXDA Community Engagement Coordinator

Ms. Calderon connected CB9 with Robert Spencer from the BXDA CONCEPT program (Creating Opportunities Necessary to Create Empowered Positive Teens) and CB9 will be looking to host them a future Y&E Committee Meeting potentially.

Ms. Calderon is also still attempting to locate a Housing Court contact to share with this committee.

III. DM Rivera

A. DM Rivera shared the NYC covid testing website for those interested

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page>

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