



*Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera*

## **Social Services Committee Meeting Summary**

**November 1, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** James Tynan, Daniel Porro, Julio Quinones, Sharyn Brown, Brent Woodie, Lena Johnson, Robbin Kelly, Lorenzo Van Ness, Chandra Moore

### **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. Dr. Ruth M. Shaffer, C.E.O. of New Era Veterans**

- Dr. Ruth M. Shaffer previously managed a contract with the state for formerly homeless veterans at 1150 Commonwealth Ave. This location is now managed by Volunteers of America
- DM Rivera shared that DHS is currently not only housing Veterans at this site
- There are only 2 residences for Veterans in the entire NYC and now both sites will be open to individuals other than Veterans
- This committee would like to write letter to the Mayor about this concern and about the importance of keeping 100% Veterans in these residences
- As per Dr. Shaffer, Joe Bello is a good resource to have
- As per DM Rivera, CB9 to contact BP Veteran's Affairs to come speak at a committee meeting
- As per DM Rivera, we also work closely with the Veteran's post at Unionport and Newbold Ave
- Dr. Ruth M. Shaffer can be reached at [doctorshaffer@msn.com](mailto:doctorshaffer@msn.com) or 917-295-6099

### **III. New Business**

- A.** Rogier van Vlissingen shared this link with the committee:

<https://www.therealanthonyfaucimovie.com/own/>

**B. Social Service Administration Questions/Comments**

The committee would like a SSA representative to attend a committee meeting to address senior programs and to clarify any miscommunication regarding what is being advertised on TV.

Changes what's coming down the pipeline

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10669.pdf>

CB9 to draft email to AOC's Office regarding not being able to get a SSA contact to attend committee meetings

**C. The People's Money**

Event scheduled to take place on 11.3.22, RSVP: [on.nyc.gov/Pbinyourborough](https://on.nyc.gov/Pbinyourborough)

Location: 1130 Grand Concourse

**D. Details regarding upcoming elections:**

<https://racialjustice.cityofnewyork.us/ballot/>

<https://www.nycvotes.org/how-to-vote/early-voting/>

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