



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

December 6, 2022

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Md Alauddin, Sharyn Brown, Alizia McMyers, Margia Shiriti, James Tynan, Robbin Kelly, Lena Johnson, Brent Woodie, Lorenzo Van Ness, Chandra Moore, Julio Quinones Jr.

1. 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.

2. Speakers

A. Sandra Horne, Abbott House

Abbott's House mission is to build lasting foundations under children, families and adults with complex needs that provide opportunities for promising futures.

Abbott House help children ages 0-teens identifying as LGBTQ+.

Large sibling groups come into care most frequently, families of 5 are common.

Abbott House supports children that cannot find a next of kin; children are only supposed to be in the children center for a short amount of time but end up staying longer, which can traumatizing especially because these children were likely removed from their home before coming to the center, therefore, more trauma enforced curriculum has been adapted.

Abbott House has 3 locations total with the closest location to the district being 1775 Grand Concourse

Abbott House is looking for people interested in supporting children in care by becoming foster parents. The process is 4 month long process contingent on application.

The majority of children in care are black and brown.

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B. Loangys Sanchez, Neighborhood SHOPP - Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) - Elder Justice Program

Ashly Carlos and Loangys Sanchez introduced Neighborhood SHOPP and the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) - Elder Justice Program.

Neighborhood SHOPP is a strength-based organization that carries the philosophy of self-help and believes in helping every older adult navigate through the system.

Neighborhood SHOPP offers in house referrals and is a one stop shop case management program that provides help to those that are home bound to reduce depression and isolation. They offer programs such as the Community Care Neighbor

Program and workshops on scams and other hot topics. They also serve as the hub for NY Connect for the Bronx, for which anyone 18 years and over can receive service. Neighborhood SHOPP has 4 sites in the borough including Casa Boricua and Soundview.

Their Elder Abuse, Elder Justice Program now provides service to the entire Bronx and Manhattan, CD 12

[VIP Elder Abuse and Crime Victims Services | Neighborhood SHOPP \(nshopp.org\)](https://www.nshopp.org)

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C. Anita Antonetty - DYCD (Community Action Neighborhood for NYC)

DYCD funds anti-poverty programs city wide. Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) provide residents of low-income communities with an opportunity to help DYCD identify funding priorities. BM Robbin Kelly is a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board for Bronx 9. To participate, residents must be 16 years or older and live within the area. DYCD administers a Community Needs Assessment every 3 years to determine what types of programs are needed. The survey asks residents what services have they received and what services are needed. The survey is available until the end of the year. Bronx District 9 has 46 programs within its borders. Ms. Antonetty to share the list of programs in the District with CB9.

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Community Needs Assessment Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CNANYC>

3. New Business

- A. As per SS Chair Daniel Porro, thank you to Police Officers and FDNY who are being honored in Parkchester
- B. As per Rogier van Vlissingen, there is a new tortilleria in Hunt Pt and all tortillas are made without fat and preservatives along with a line of tostadas like that too, the new tortilleria has been working with Rogier on this recipe and he is also working with a local grocery store and St Helenas for similar clean and plant based recipes.
- C. Applications are currently being accepted for 72 newly constructed affordable cooperative homeownership units in the Soundview area of the Bronx and the lottery will remain open through January 13, 2023. To Apply visit (*Note - you must login or create an account with NYC Housing Connect to apply for this lottery): <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/3084>
Information session on this opportunity on Wednesday, December 21st at:6PM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83467563219?pwd=UDBkbitVQis2UGtUaHd3bWtRZDIRUT09>

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