



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

April 5, 2022

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, Md Allaudin, Miriam Sanchez, Monique Dennis, Sarwar Jahan, Sharyn Brown, Alizia McMyers, James Tynan, Lena Johnson

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. Assistant Commissioner Jamie Neckles, the Bureau of Mental Health

The Bureau of mental health is the part of the city health department that focuses on adult mental health services they also manage some specialty mental health services (intensive treatment) in home for people who struggle to get to clinics and have serious mental illnesses. Unfortunately, there are currently waitlists for services and the Dept. does not have enough capacity to meet all of the citywide mental health needs. Therefore, additional funding was requested to assist mental health clinics with access to individuals on waitlists but also to expand on the means of communication with their communities so that they can build services and programs that meet the needs of their residents and families. As per ADM Alonzo, CB9 would be happy to disseminate any surveys that can shared with the community. As per BM Porro suggestion to have clinics conduct outreach to the community. Inquiry regarding what events will be hosted in the Bronx for Mental Health Month? Information regarding family, youth, senior and other services and for support around drug and alcohol addictions residents can visit NYC Well. NYC Well offers free, confidential mental health support. Residents can speak to a counselor via phone, text, or chat and get access to mental health and substance use services, in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365.

Request for resources and flyers on this topic to be shared with CB9 for mass distribution.

B. Bailey House

Manhattan based organization that joined the meeting at the request of the Assistant Commissioner who mistaken CB9 with a Manhattan board.

III. Old Business

A. ShopRite

BM Porro inquired regarding items of concern with ShopRite, all items were addressed in April meeting. April meeting notes to be re-shared with Chair of Committee.

B. Emergency Summit Meeting Follow-up with Member AOC

As per BM Porro, topics of interest include Housing, Emergency Section 8, Vouchers for individuals on a fixed income, similar matters of interest.

ADM Alonzo will send a follow-up email on this matter.

IV. New Business

A. May Agenda Items

OMH questions of interest from the committee for this agency include: any services, programs, or partnerships offered city-wide but mainly any available in the borough of the Bronx.

B. MTA mobile 10-1pm outside of Macy's every 2nd Wednesday of the month

C. Bronx Week 2022 will be held beginning on May 2nd through May 15th and is hosted by the Bronx Borough President's Office

D. Committee requested Bail Reform Town Hall for District 9

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