



Chairman Nicholas Himidian & District Manager William Rivera
Social Service & Housing Committee Meeting **Minutes**
October 3, 2017

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Committee Chair Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Board Member Nelson Peralta, Board Member Loretta Matison, Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr, Vice Chair of Committee Chair Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Board Member Daniel Porro

Board Members Absent:

Board Members Excused:

Introduction

- A. Committee Chair, Board Members & Guest
- B. 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.

New Business

- A. Mental Health, Disability & Health Fair Planning

Rosemary: The Mental Health, Disabilities & Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from 12 to 4 pm at the Promise Land Church, 80 Hugh Grant Circle. Milagros Syaz from United HealthCare will be participating and donating water, dj, donuts, fruit, and coffee. Arleen Iglesias from the Phipps Healthy Family Program will be screening anyone who is interested in SNAP benefits (Food Stamps, etc). Maribel Mercado from Metroplus will be covering the medicaid and medicare division. She will be providing a superhero who is unknown which will be good for children who were brought along. Maribel will also provide giveaways, healthy snacks, and fruit. Alexander Canelis from Constant Care will bring information regarding his organization. Constant Care is more focused on Elder Care. Deshawn has the Soundview Community Partnership Program is going to bring information on services that they have. Matalana from Wellcare will provide a face painter and refreshments. She will update Rosemary on what else she will provide when she can. Rosemary Bermudas SNESEA Unified Home Care will also participate. Mariella from Montefiore Hospital will provide vision, dental, and blood pressure screening. Maribel suggested that Rosemary reach out to Marcelo De Le Grande who is the public health educator for Lincoln Hospital who can provide educational information and hopefully join in the panel from 3 to 4 pm as well as hopefully provide blood pressure screens and get in touch with

their mental health division of the Lincoln hospital who can maybe join the panel too. Rosemary would like a psychiatrist can come and speak on the panel to talk about mental health.

Nicholas: Is there a draft flyer?

Rosemary: Yes. We only need to make a few changes like the date.

Nicholas: Do we get to see it?

Rosemary: Yes, it's the "Save the Date"

Nicholas: Second question did the "Save the Date" go out already?

Rosemary: No, it wasn't shared. It didn't go out yet.

Nicholas: The flyer should go out soon

Rosemary: It's going out this week.

(Discussion on how the flyer should look goes on...)

Chairman Nicholas suggests:

- changing the color of the wheelchair to blue and white and move it elsewhere
- getting rid of the stick figures since it doesn't clearly show what it represents
- Community Board 9 logo should be moved to the bottom
- the address should be moved to the top
- like us on facebook should be moved down as well.
- the brain needs to be removed. It's offensive. Nicholas doesn't want people to think that those who have mental health issues are crazy.
- the logos should stay in the same spot every time.
- Add: "If you would like to participate please contact the number below." for RSVP
- Add: "Sponsored by:" somewhere on the flyer
- the background doesn't make sense.

The date should be evident along with the time and place. The target is for people who have mental health problems and disabilities to easily read the flyer. The flyer should also say who's it for (caregivers, providers, etc). The flyer should be sent out again since the event is in December.

Rosemary: Next thing to do is to contact the pastor at the church so that the November Social Service meeting is at the church to allow committee to make the layout for how the event should look.

Nicholas: Contact the board to do an email blast to let people know that they will not be meeting at community board 9 and to attend the church for this meeting.

Veronica: Has Thrive NYC been invited as a vendor?

Rosemary: Yes we invited them. We reached out to the Mayor's office to see if they can have someone participate. They are on the invitation organization list.

Justin: We will try to get Thrive NYC to be special guest. Also to hopefully get someone from DOMH.

B. Justin: (passed along document on the homeless shelter). Important facts on the shelter which is located at 1792 Lafayette. The families are believed to have already moved into the shelter. Homelife is running the shelter under the 43rd precinct. Homelife is a relatively new provider, the individual who is running it came from another homeless shelter provider.

Rosemary: It would be great to invite the director who is running this shelter to a Social Services Meeting.

Nicholas: They should be invited to both social services and Land and Zoning.

Nicholas wants the documents to be shared on facebook since a lot of people can benefit from this.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM

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