



## **Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, William Rivera (DM)

**Board Members Not Present:** Justin Westbrook-Lowery, James Tynan, Angel Martinez, Nevina Gallimore

**Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Attendees of meeting introduced themselves.**

### ***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.*

### **Speakers/Presentations**

#### **Luisca Solis, Essen Health Care (Brochures attached).**

Ms. Solis stated that there are over 12 urgent care clinics throughout Bronx, Brooklyn and queens. Ms. Rosemary Jenkins asked if Ms. Solis can present at Seniors Connected and Ms. Solis said yes possibly in January. Ms. Solis talked about the services of Essen Health care.

#### **Care Management Services**

- Care Coordinator Personal
- Medication Support
- Housing Assistance
- Transportation
- Social and Community Activities
- Comprehensive Care Management
- Medical Appointment Support
- Insurance Assistance

- Substance Abuse Treatment Support
- Employment Support
- Immigration Support
- Educational Courses
- SNAP Assistance
- Routine Care
- Specialty Care
- Chronic Disease Management
- In-Home Diagnostic Testing/Imaging
- Coordination of Home Care Services
- Transition of Care
- Care Management

**Hannah Emple, DOH&MH (Presentation attached)**

Each year, approximately 3,000 women in New York City dies or almost die from a severe childbirth complications. Ms. Emple stated that they are looking to create a Bronx committee for infant mortality DM Rivera advised Ms. Emple to send CB9 the information it can be shared.

Ms. Emple talked about the following (Presentation attached):

**Maternal mortality (PRMR)** - Which is the death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy from causes related to pregnancy.

**Severe maternal morbidity rate (SMM)** - Is life threatening complications during childbirth. Examples are, heavy bleeding, kidney failure, stroke of heart attack during delivery.

**Infant mortality rate (IMR)** – Is the death of an infant within one year since birth.

**Fetal Infant Mortality rate (FIMR)** – Death of the fetus (stillbirth) or infant death.

**Rogier Van Vlissingen, Plant Base Nutrition**

Mr. Van Vlissingen talked about the institute for family health located at Stevenson family health center. The concept is to bring to the Bronx a jumpstart program for Medicaid patients and give them a 10 day program with wholefood plant based nutrition. Mr. Van Vlissingen stated what they need for the program are volunteers.

**DM Report 1600 Randall Avenue Update (letter attached)**-Ms. Rosemary Jenkins read letter about DHS opening a shelter in the district. The anticipated opening is in the winter of 2019. Rosemary stated that DM Rivera will conduct a site visit within the next few weeks.

The shelter will have the following:

- 99 units for families with children
- Nonprofit service provider: Home for the homeless

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 P.M.**