



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services & Housing Committee Minutes

January 2, 2019

Chair: Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins

Board Members Present: Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Daniel Porro, James Tynan, Sarwar Jahan, Nicholas Himidian, William Rivera (DM)

Board Member Not Present: Angel Martinez, Nevia Gallimore

- **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.

- **New Business**

- Discussion for Senior Symposium 2019

Rosemary stated that Sotomayor is working on the floors and they don't think it will be ready till the end of April, so the suggestion came up to do the Senior Symposium at ShopRite and lessen the numbers of vendors due to space. About 75 guests can be accommodated at ShopRite, so there will probably be around 4 honorees. The committee discussed tentative date as April 26th and if that day isn't available then May 3rd. The committee also discussed the keynote speaker and the suggestions of Assemblywoman Karines Reyes and Senator Sepulveda were discussed. The committee decided to check date ASAP for April 26th so save the date flyers can be created/given out. Rev Hargrave also suggests having someone from the BP's office speaking at the Senior Symposium. The Committee discussed doing a Mental Health fair preferably on a Saturday because people work during the week. Rev Hargrave stated that he wants a speaker at the symposium to discuss dementia and the committee discussed the topic of dementia. A member asked about getting Thrive

NYC doing a workshop and Rosemary stated that this is a good idea to incorporate in the Mental Health fair. James Tynan shares a text number for people to reach out to 741741 and the committee discussed adding hotline numbers to the weekly bulletin.

- **DM Update**

- A. 1150 Commonwealth Update**

DM Rivera spoke about 1150 Commonwealth Avenue, which is a supportive housing for former veterans (volunteers of America). Their contract is going to expire on June 30th and they are submitting a proposal to continue to operate to DHS, if CB9 has any issues with location it can be petitioned. DM Rivera stated that he did a site visit with the NYPD and it's a nice place with no issues, he also stated that he will work more with the facility with getting them food donations and doing things with NYPD and local elected officials. A family day will probably be planned at the location.

Chairman Nicholas Himidian asked what does the facility do and Ms. Villafane from VOA stated that this facility is supportive housing that helps with medical issues and employment services. There are 149 units, 6 direct case manager, 13 caseloads are designated to each supervisor and then everyone else has 25, there isn't any nurse on site. They also work with department of mental health and hygiene. There is a community room. Chairman Himidian suggested starting the veteran committee there and asked if that's something the organization would want, Ms. Villafane stated that would be great but has to speak with her supervisor on this matter.

- Complaints**

Danny Porro states there are many private houses closed down throughout community (in Parkchester and Westchester) wants to get someone to address this problem.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 P.M.