



Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting **Minutes**

May 1st, 2018

Board Members Present: Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Justin Westbrook Lowery Vice-Chair of Committee, Loretta Masterson, James Tynan,

Board Members Not Present: Danny Porro, Angel Martinez

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

- **Angie Woody, NY Harm Reduction Educators (Material attached)** – NYHRE, a 501(c) (3) organization, is rooted in social justice and human rights principles. NYHRE bring those principles to bear every day as they work to reduce the adverse conditions surrounding drug use in East Harlem and the South Bronx. NYHRE promotes health, safety, dignity, and well-being of those marginalized, often homeless, low-income persons who use drugs. The organization works with drug users, their families, their communities.

Ms. Woody gave a presentation/training on preventing an overdose (**material attached**). All of the committee members and the guest present were trained and received certification cards at the meeting.

Ms. Woody also stated that her organization is offering training throughout the district and she wants to reach out and collaborate with CB9 to host events.

Senior Symposium Debrief

Rosemary asked the committee what changes do they think should be made for next event and stated the Mental Health fair and Senior Symposium can be combined. Rosemary also stated the seniors who attended Seniors Connected should be reached out to. The committee discussed different ways of outreach.

Loretta Masterson stated that there wasn't enough people and suggests getting more information out to the Senior Centers. Ms. Gantt suggested advertising the event on News 12.

Rosemary stated that someone suggested to put food will be served on the flyer. Rosemary also stated that the planning for the next event will start in September and providers will be invited to the meetings to see what they can contribute/donate with food.

Ms. Gantt who was an honoree at the Senior Symposium thanked the committee and said she enjoyed herself and stated a lot of seniors from Castle Hill attended the event.

Plant based diet- Rogier Van Vlissingen

Rogier mentions IThrive, which is a program for diabetes. He also talks about a story about a man who started plant based diet and mention there's a book of his story/journey.

Rogier announced that details are being finalized for the Plant Based Health Fair. Programs will be held all day long. Montefiore will be in attendance as well as various doctors and other health providers. News 12 is expected to cover the event. The Plant Based Health Fair will be on May 26, 2018 at St. Helena's.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 P.M.

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