



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Summary

November 5, 2019 – 7PM

Chair: Daniel Porro

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, James Tynan, Rosa Gomez & DM William Rivera

Board Members Not Present: Sharyn Brown & Sarwar Jahan

- **Speakers/Presentations**

A. Homes for the Homeless – 1600 Randall Ave, Bronx NY

Presenters: John Greenwood COO & Gretchen Hernandez Admin.

***Mission Statement:** Homes for the Homeless operates Community Residential Resource Centers (CRRCs) within the shelter infrastructure in an effort to simultaneously serve both homeless families and the surrounding community. Our CRRCs combine the basic services of a traditional shelter with a full range of inclusive programs, such as early childhood education and after-school programming, designed to meet the diverse needs of homeless families residing in the shelter or citizens from surrounding neighborhoods. HFH ensures that a family's future can begin as soon as they walk through the doors of a Community Residential Resource Center. Each Center provides access to resources where resident families and surrounding community members can find classrooms, libraries, computer labs, health clinics, playgrounds, and counseling centers. All of these on-site resources make the Centers a place where parents and children can learn and grow as they embark on the path to independence, regardless of their housing status. Mothers drop toddlers off at daycare on their way to work, after-school teachers greet kids as they come home from school, and families bond together at special community events. While students take educational field trips to museums and city landmarks, adults meet with employment and housing specialists who help them prepare for job interviews, learn valuable life skills, and find apartments of their own. On-site New York City Department of Education Liaisons work to ensure that children are enrolled in and attend school. Overall, residents and community members are embraced by a supportive system that encourages individuals and families to grow, achieve, and succeed.*

The presenters informed the committee of the new facility completed at 1600 Randall. This facility will have 99 studio apartments for mothers and a child. They discussed the site visit conducted today with our DM and Committee Chair. The Committee will have a formal presentation with NYC DHS in ref to this project at the next meeting December 3, 2019.

- **New Business**

A. Senior Connect: Chair Doralina Colon discussed senior connect goals and ideas for future meetings with committee and presenters, and encouraged participation by the committee members.

B. Committee Vice Chair: Committee Chair Danny Porro appointed Doralina Colon Vice Chair of the Social Services Committee. Doralina accepted the position and there were no objections by the Committee.

A. **DM Report:** District Manager William Rivera gave his report to committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM.

Summary drafted by CB9 Office Staff

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