



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal & District Manager William Rivera
Youth & Education Committee Summary
November 14, 2019

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE

Meeting Start Time: 7:15 PM

Board Members Present: Felipe Manaiza, Monique Farrington, Joy Nicole Thomas & DM William Rivera

- **Speakers/Presentations A.** Tara Gibson, Founder of Seize the Cure (info@seizethecure4epilepsy.com)

Mission Statement: *The purpose of SEIZE THE CURE EPILEPSY AWARENESS CONCERT & FORUM is to create awareness for Epilepsy, its effects, and the different treatments available. More importantly, we want to create support to parents who have children with Epilepsy and provide resources to assist with challenges faced in treating and managing a child with Epilepsy. Upon my research, there are many programs available to support children with Epilepsy and their parents. Many of these programs and services are not made aware to parents unless they research on their own. (seizethecure4epilepsy.com)*

Ms. Tara Gibson discussed her organizations mission and agenda. She is a mother of a teenager suffering from epilepsy and started this organization to spread awareness and help new parents with the challenges she faced. The committee exchanged information and ideas to assist with her cause and she was invited to speak at our next General Board Meeting.

- **New Business: A.** Youth resident Jermell Martinez introduced himself as a high school student who is interested to being more involved in his community. He was encouraged to apply to be a youth community board member in 2020 and to continue to attend our meetings. **B.** Ms. Lourdes I. Jibodh President of the President's Council of PTAs introduced herself to committee. They discussed her role and wants to work together with the board to help title 1 schools in our district. She invited the DM to her next council meeting Nov 19, 2019 @ PS 182. **C.** Fahim Rofique introduced himself to committee. He created a free website (TBA) to assist Junior HS students pick their high school and he was invited to speak at our next general board meeting.

DM Report:

- A. A new family shelter facility at 1600 Randall will open housing 99 mothers and their child. It is expected to open in Jan 2019 and we will work with their advisory council to assist the residents and children.
- B. DM will update committee soon on the upcoming initiatives such as: Toy drive, possible turkey and back pack drive.

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Summary Drafted by CB9 Staff

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