

**Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Health and Social Services  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday February 6, 2020**

**Attendance:**

Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair  
Rosemary Evering, CB9, Committee Member  
Kaminah Griffin, Community Committee Member  
Amy Hendershot, Community Committee Member  
Sabrina J. Lewis, Community Committee Member  
Mary Rollerson-Blackett, CB9, Committee Member  
Desma Ross, CB9, Committee Member

Guests: Judith Hertzberg, Persist NYC

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**Census**

- Judith Hertzberg from Persist! NYC joined the meeting as a guest and shared outreach and marketing materials for engaging the community census counting efforts.
- Brooklyn was the most undercounted urban area in 2010. Accurate count is important because it impacts federal funding for services, business decisions to move to a community, municipal services such as bus routes, and even things like cellular tower placement.
- It is imperative that CB9 residents are accurately reflected, regardless of documentation status. In 2010, only 54% of Brooklynites self-responded.
- This will be the first year that the census will be available to file online.
- All children born by April 1, 2020 should be counted.
- Persist is working on getting materials translated into Haitian- Creole.
- The Health and Social Services Committee will continue to lead efforts for counting in the community focusing on Churches, Senior Centers, Stores, Marketing, Apartment Complexes and Kings County Hospital.

**Committee Projects / Old Business**

- HSS will partner with Kings County Hospital and provide volunteer assistance at a Mental Health Symposium to be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (volunteers will work from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm). This symposium will feature doctors, Eric Adams and a panel of guests and will discuss depression, anxiety, self-harm, suicide and addiction.
- HSS will begin planning for a Community Health Forum to be held in the summer.

**New Business**

None.

Meeting Adjourned