



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary May 2, 2023

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Linda Soto, MD Alauddin, Chandra Moore, Lena Johnson, Sharyn Brown, Sarwar Jahan

I. 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.

B. BM Daniel Porro held a moment of silence before starting the meeting.

II. Speakers

A. Monae Johnson, Family Worker NDA 9 – Bronx Works- Ms. Johnson talked about the services that are offered at Bronx Works. Multiple services are offered, help with section 8 recertification, lease renewals, physicals, dental, etc. Emergency grants are available for emergency rent assistance and utilities.

<https://bronxworks.org/our-services/>

B. Cynthia Timms, Host and Producer of "Mental Health and You " on Bronxnet – Ms. Timms spoke about the importance of mental health awareness and the importance of getting information/resources/events out for mental health awareness. Ms. Timms shared some related stories with the committee. Ms. Timms has a YouTube channel "Mental Health and You" <https://www.youtube.com/@cynthiatimms3312>

III. Old Business

A. BM Daniel Porro, brought to the attention that not all residents who sign in at the Seniors Connected meeting receive a notification. BM Linda Soto the Chair of Seniors Connected advised that this matter has improved. CB9 staff will continue to confirm with Seniors at the meeting as they handwrite their emails.

B. BM Daniel Porro requested to have someone from MTA present at the Social Services committee meeting. DM Rivera stated that MTA presented before at another committee and will look into getting MTA to present at a Social Services committee meeting.

III. DM Report

A. CB9 office should hopefully be completed by June, and a meet and greet can be scheduled for over the summer.

B. CB9 may have their annual Community Appreciation Award dinner in September Meetings are remote for the month of May

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