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Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

October 3, 2023

Board Members Present: Linda Soto, Daniel Porro, James Tynan, Md Alauddin, Sharyn Brown

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. Speakers

A. Angela D. Thompson, Urban Resource Institute (URI)

Members of the DSS Team were present to introduce URI who will be a service provider for an upcoming family shelter in the district anticipated to open in November of this year. This site will house 161 units (89 studios, 39 – 1 bedrooms, and 33 – 2 bedrooms) for families that include 1-2 parents and 1-4 children (under 18). Families will be transitioned on a rolling basis. URI delivers a holistic, innovative approach that encompasses prevention, intervention, and education programs along with services for survivors, with a trauma-informed client-centered focus. URI's transitional services will support families with children affected by housing instability. It prioritizes those with roots in the Bronx, including Community District 9. This initiative provides an opportunity for individuals who previously resided in the borough before experiencing instability the opportunity to remain closer to their support networks and families in need of housing stability.

Members of the community are invited to be members of the Community Advisory Board when it is established.

One of the main concerns for incoming families is typically childcare. School aged students and their parents will have the support of the Education Staffer on site.

III. New Business

A. November Agenda Items

A representative of Volunteers of America - Greater New York will be present at November's meeting.

IV. DM Report

- Several scams have been reported in the area including a Robert Jackson spam that with a link to fill out a form to receive a stimulus supplement.

EBT/Credit Card Machine Skimming is also at large. Precautionary flyer included with summary.

- Joining meetings remotely may prove to be a challenge as hybrid meetings are regulated by the Open Meetings Law which does not allow for virtual Board Members attendance to be counted for quorum. In addition, members who are logged in remotely cannot be muted as to just listen in and must be allowed to participate same as in person participants which can provide difficult given the limited staffing at Community Boards.

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