

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

R. CERVONE	R. FREEMAN	K. GURL
T. JACKSON	P. LI	C. ROBELLO
A. SHEFRIN	B. SOLOTAIRE	S. TURET

EXCUSED:

E. FELDER	L. HILL
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ABSENT:

P. BELLENBAUM	F. BROWN	J. BROWN
E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	F. JEAN	A. MEHTA
R. UNDERWOOD		

GUESTS:

R. LEVINE-REP. WITH NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP

*****MINUTES*****

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Veterans Access to Benefits Project, a project of non-profit firm of New York Legal Assistance Group, which educates and assists veterans about the benefits that are available to them.

Rachel Levine of New York Legal Assistance Group made the presentation. The group is non-profit and is involved with the LGBT community, families, housing and veterans.

They assist veterans who are homeless, mentally ill and the jobless. Veterans are not aware of these services. Applying is difficult educationally and the process of assisting veterans to apply.

Veteran Administration benefits:

- If a veteran is wounded in the line of service, an attorney can intervene after the veteran applies.
- Info sessions
- Operates in 5 boroughs
- Discharges upgrades
- PTSD narrative change
- Civil law

Continued discussion and planning of Spring 2016 Youth event.

- Red Hook Justice Center
- Job fair – Spring
- April 12 – Miccio Center
- Workshops – resume writing
- Red Hook Library
- Red Hook Initiative
- Good Shepherd Services
- Soft skills workshops
- Tables for jobs/resume review
- Hours 4pm – 6:30pm
- Jobs – internships (paid/unpaid)

Break kids into small groups to discuss goals/social media and the workplace.

- Mock interviews – key phrases, attire, etc.
- Should workshops be in the same room as employers or in the room downstairs?
- Because it's a weekday the kids might not want to be in a classroom.
- Template for resumes.
- Red Hook Initiative – dressed for success.

Elected officials should keep speeches to a minute.

SYPE sites?

Maybe workshops counselling can be in the corner of the room.

Possible advisors to speak about balancing jobs/classes.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Keeping everything in the gym.

Reach out to employers from last year. Is there a list?

Speaking to Brooklyn Museum regarding internship program.

Should we also invite groups that offer services to 16-24 year-olds.

Robert Underwood will send out info from last year.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.