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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Kristine Rivera, Committee Chairperson
Thursday, September 11, 2025

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, September 11, 2025 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Health and Human Services Meeting: Jessii Parham, Hoshi Salcedo (Virtual), Lisa Sanchez, Katrina Rawlins (virtual).

The Health and Human Services Committee discussed the following:

- **Discussion with SBH Health System on restructuring for increased in-patient psychiatric services**

SBH Health System met with the committee to request a letter of support for the proposed changes to their inpatient chemical dependence unit, or detox unit. A few years ago, SBH was given a New York State Safety Net Transformation Program Grant Award to be able to expand the inpatient psychiatric units. Part of that award will provide funding for SBH's two inpatient adult psychiatric units to be renovated and to convert the inpatient detox unit into a third adult psychiatric unit. The proposed restructuring would increase the available beds for inpatient treatment, from 48 beds to 72 beds in total. Currently the 24 beds used for the inpatient detox program are underutilized. Downsizing the inpatient detox program to a 12 bed inpatient chemical dependence unit fills the community need, and the grant also allows for the expansion of the SBH methadone program. The restructuring would allow patients to be moved into adult psychiatric beds for treatment right away, instead of keeping patients in the emergency department for much longer than necessary. Additionally, SBH reports that inpatient detox programs have proven to be ineffective, and downsizing is aligned with the trend among hospitals across New York State.

A motion to issue a letter of support to SBH Health System for the restructuring and plans to increase in-patient psychiatric services was made by Jessii Parham, and seconded by Hoshi Salcedo.

- **Presentation from SBH on results of Community Health Needs Assessment survey**

Every three years, SBH must conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment and prepare a Community Service Plan (Priority Projects). Over two months SBH conducted a community survey and used the data to update community health indicators. Based on responses SBH must select three projects that address community priorities and need for resources, and also fall under the NYS Prevention Agenda.

The top five pressing health concerns according to respondents were violence (including gun violence), cancer, affordable housing, dental care, and access to healthy foods. Respondents were also asked to identify what area of services provided by SBH they are most satisfied with, and the leading areas were infant health, high blood pressure, infectious diseases (COVID-19, flu, hepatitis), heart disease, and adolescent and child health. The areas of services that SBH needed to improve according to respondents were violence, cancer, affordable housing, dental care, and access to healthy foods.

SBH will keep the Board informed of chosen projects and action plan to improve the services identified by the community.

- **Discussion on DYCD FOIL**

The District Manager explained that DYCD is the fiscal conduit for the social service programs provided in the district, though most of the serves are education based. The data provided by DYCD in response to the FOIL request was unusable and incoherent. The District Manager will continue to review the data and will provide an analysis at next Health and Human Services Committee Meeting.

- **United Veterans' Parade Committee of Greater New York, Inc. Invitation**

The District Manager shared an invitation from the United Veterans' Parade Committee of Greater New York, Inc. to march in its 41st annual Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 09, 2025. Board Members can contact the organization if they wish to participate or reach out to the District Manager.

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