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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2019
Bronx Community Board No.8
Conference Room
5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100
Bronx, NY 10463

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Daniel Padernacht

Youth
Julia Gomez

PRESENT

Omar Murray
Steve Froot
Martin Gluck
Tao Moran
Karen Pesce

AFFILIATION

Chair- Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8- Committee Member
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GUESTS

Mary Ann Doyle
David Gellman
Rosemary Ginty
Amanda Hinkson
Nicole Jordan
Carmen Lopez
Steven Myricks
Dan Padernacht
Miryan Rabner

Community Resident
Chair, CB8 Budget Committee
Chair, Bronx Community Board No. 8
Services for the Underserved (SUS)
Department of Social Services
Services for the Underserved (SUS)
Services for the Underserved (SUS)
Chair, CB8 Traffic and Transportation Committee
Community Resident

ABSENT

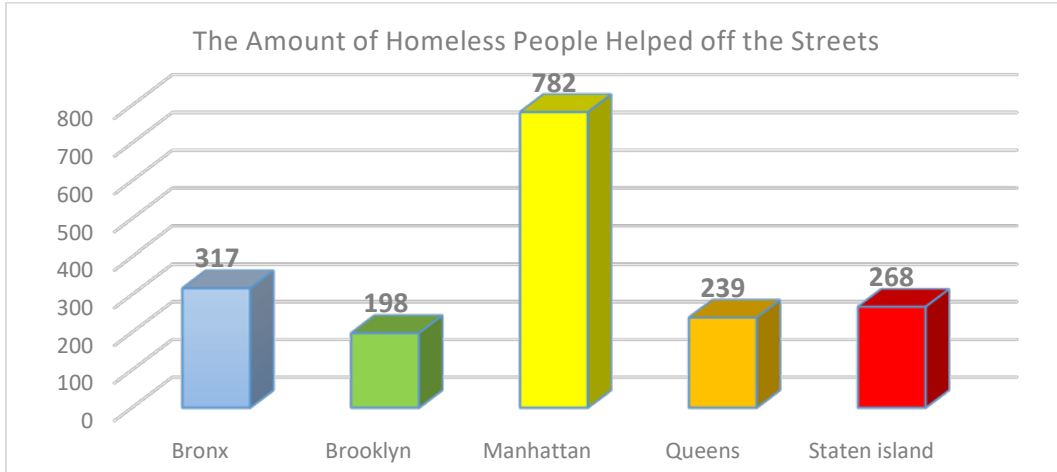
Julia Gomez

Vice Chair- Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. Committee members and guests signed the attendance sheet on arrival. The meeting is started by committee members and guests introducing themselves and their affiliation. The previous committee meeting minutes was approved:

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No	0
Abs	0

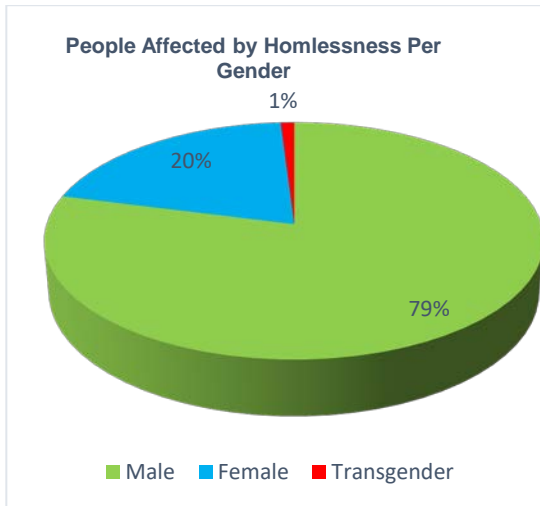
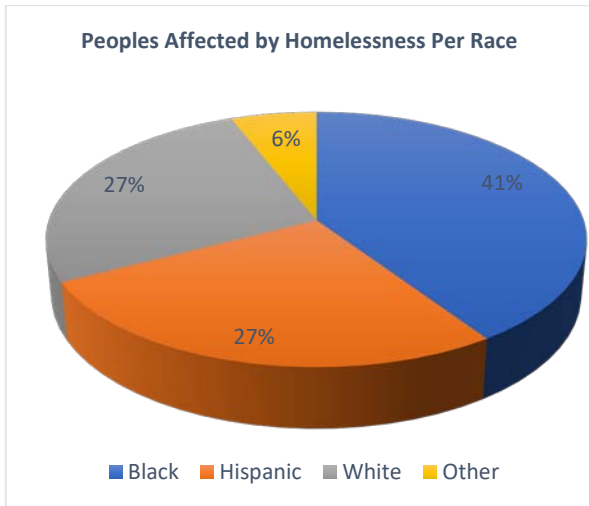
Recently the Mayor of New York City Bill de Blasio has outlined a plan to end long term in NYC called "The Journey Home". This plan is crafted to end homelessness within five years. Below is diagram of the amount of homeless person that was helped off the streets according to the Borough:



Nicole Jordan from the Department of Social Services states that the city is willing to help those experiencing homelessness, however they must be willing to come forward and request help as homelessness within NYC is not illegal and no person can be forced off the street. Miss Jordan explains that the Mayor has allocated \$100 Million to combat homelessness with our city. Currently there is 52 reps that work on the streets that help with getting the homeless off the streets and into a shelter. The Mayors Plan calls for the following to reduce homelessness:

- Open 1,000 new safe haven beds
- Build 1,000 new apartments
- Use an army of outreach workers to convince the city's 3,600 homeless street people to come in out of the cold
- Use cops to help on the streets and in the subways

Miss Jordan explains that NYC weather system is code: Red Code means hot weather (summer) and Blue Code means cold weather (winter). In the weather season with a code blue, residents are asked to dress warm and stay within warm areas. Those affected by homelessness should find safe havens that offer food, clothing and counseling services.



The Chair ask how can CB8 combat homelessness and Miss Jordan explains the main causes of homelessness with CB8 is domestic violence and the community should focus resources in to combat domestic violence to reduce homelessness such as contacting the NYPD 50th precinct and request if the need help. The Precinct currently has a domestic violence rep from safe horizon that helps victims of domestic violence. Miss Jordan also advises the Committee to contact Bronx works and see what resources they might need.

The Committee Chair opens discussion on a group home located at 5205 Henry Hudson Parkway which is operated by Services for the Underserved. The establishment of this group home was approved by the Committee and the Board over three (3) years ago and is currently being renovated. The board office has received complaints from neighbors who lived near this facility that a dead tree is located near the property and might pose hazardous problems for the road and passing traffic.

Neighbors was advice to call 311 and report this issue and get a ticket number, then call the board the office with that ticket number so this issue can be expedited with the parks dept. Steven Myricks from Services for the Underserved explains he has visited the property and has located the dead tree . Myricks states SUS is willing to help removed the tree and also to work with the Community.

Steve Froot states that a Community Advisory Board (CAB) might be needed to allow neighbors to have an input in how the group home will shape the Community and to prevent any more issues that may arise. SUS reps state they will be willing to form a CAB that will be comprised of SUS Reps from the group home and the community residents who live near the facility.

Steve Froot states he will work with neighbors and the SUS reps to create the CAB and will provided periodic updates on the progress that has been made. The group home is now finish and the residence will house 8 people (4 females; 4 males) with developmental disabilities who will be supervised 24 hrs.

CB Budget Committee Chair David Gellman states the time is approaching for committees to submit budget proposals for the fiscal year. The Committee Chairs states the Committee will focus on domestic violence and homelessness as the main budget priorities and we committee will craft a budget to submit for those two-line items.

The Committee Chair thanks all Committee members and guests coming to the meeting. Meeting is adjourned at 9:32pm.

Recorded and Submitted by:
Omar Murray
Chair,
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee