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Health & Human Services Committee Report

215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor
Monday, March 21, 2015- 6:30pm
Chair – Dr. Hazel Dukes
Vice Chair – Michelle Booker

Board Attendance:

Present: Dr. Hazel Dukes

Michelle Booker, Christina Curry, Camille Edelen, Donna Gill, Cicely Harris, Manny Rivera, Cheryl Smith

Absent: Melvin Christian, Ibrahima Diafoune, Deborah Yates,

Guests:

Paul Henderson and Dianne Henderson, VERTEX, LLC

Sylvia Cox, NYC Human Resources Administration, Dept. of Social Services

Tiffany Sullivan

1. **VERTEX, LLC-** Paul Henderson is the owner and founder of Vertex, LLC. He works in the pharmacy industry meeting the needs of low income community members. Currently his facility is in the Bronx and he is looking to expand into the Harlem community. His purpose is to be a community based pharmacy where relationships are established instead of the big pharmaceutical outlets.
2. **NYC Human Resources Administration/Office of Child Support Enforcement-**
Sylvia Cox presented on the efforts of the Office of Child Support Enforcement outreach to the non-custodial parent/mostly men with options to handle their child support debt. The OCSE works as a collection agency to collect child support debt funds already provided by the City to the custodial parent. This is significant to encourage men to work instead of not working to avoid child support payments. The OCSE visits facilities and gives presentations on the various options to meet their child support debt that allows for a reduction of the child support obligation. DNA Testing for \$40 per person is also provided. Three programs have been developed to assist low –income noncustodial parents to reduce child support orders:
 - a. **Modify DSS Order:** this can help low-income NCPs who have child support orders that are not based on their current income.

- b. **Arrears Cap Initiative:** this can put a limit on accumulated child support debt that you owe the government (may be reduced to \$500 and the NCP does not have to return to court).

- c. **Arrears Credit Program:** can help the NCP reduce the amount of arrears owed to the government, that may grant a credit of up to \$5,000 towards the child support debt owed to DSS.

For More Information:

www.childsupport.ny.gov

www.nyc.gov/nycdads

ph: 888-208-4485/866-875-9975(TTY)

Committee Events:

- 3. **Dr. Cheryl Smith is organizing the Forum on Homeless which will be held on May 5, 2016.**