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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019
6:30-9:00pm

Hon. Hazel Dukes, Chair
Hon. Michelle P. Booker, Vice Chair

Committee Attendees: Hazel Dukes, Michelle Booker, Donna Gill, Cheryl Smith, Christina Curry, Cicely Harris, Troy Gethers, Joshua Clennon, Karen Dixon, Marcia Awobuluyi

Board Member Attendees: Mari Moss

Excused: None

Absent: None

- *Minutes from Michelle P. Booker*

Presentations

Down to Earth Farmer's Market:

- Presenter(s) Ms. Dacotah Rousseau & Franchel Mendoza
 - Down to Earth Farmer's Market (DTEFM) is a certified B Corporation with its mission to provide economic opportunity for local farmers and food makers within the New York area. DTEFM was founded in 1991 by Miriam Hass. Ossining Farmers Market, was the first to address the lack of local food options in the suburbs. Over the years the DTEFM has expanded its farmer's market locations to Brooklyn, Queens, Westchester, and Manhattan. Currently, they are in the process of hosting a farmers market on Saturdays in front of The Savoy, on Lenox Avenue. DTEFM chose this location to address the absence of the availability of fresh produce from local farmers and food makers. During the market, there will be recipes offered to encourage creativity with food preparation. Most of the produce will be organic but may not have the organic certification, because of this expense for small farmers. However, DTEFM meticulously vets the vendors who participate in their markets. They are excited to bring their market to the Harlem community. For further information, contact Dacotah Rousseau at dacotah@DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Women's Community Justice Association *presented* Beyond Rosie's 2020 Campaign:

- Presenter, Darlene Jackson, Project Coordinator (requested a Letter of Support)
- Contacts for further information:
 - Gina Meusel, intake@womenscommunityjustice.org
 - Wanda Jones, Program Director: Wanda@womenscommunityjustice.org
 - Rita Zimmer: ritaz@womenscommunityjustice.org

The Women's Community Justice Association (WCJA) from 2016 has been instrumental in the reduction of women held at the Rose M. Singer Center at Rikers Island. WCJA provides a broad range of wrap-around services, WCJP assists women successfully resolve their open court cases, provide needed support services, and helps them move out of transitional housing into stable permanent housing in the community, to mitigate pre-trial incarceration. Additionally, WCJA wants to expand their program to serve pregnant women, especially since over half of the women at the Rose M. Singer Center are mothers.

WCJA program has had the following positive outcomes:

- 355 Women referred to WCJP for intake from October 2017- May 2019
- 155 Women admitted into one of four transitional housing programs
- An external evaluation of the first 18 months of the program, which included extensive interviews of intake/discharge from 130 women revealed the following:
 - WCJP represented women's only option for timely release from Rikers into safe housing;
 - Only 2 represented women experience recidivism; and
 - WCJP provided/connected women to critical services and placed the majority not stable housing or residential treatment at discharge.

WCJA is currently Proposing the "Decarceration & Beyond Rosie's 2020"

- The main thrust of Decarceration & Beyond Rosie's 2020 is to permanently close the Rose M. Singer Center and replace it with a centralized facility to accommodate 100-150 women including accommodations for those individuals who identify with the LGBTQI+ and gender non-conforming New Yorkers.
- WCJA is pushing for the Lincoln Correctional State Facility (LCSF) on East 110th Street and Five Avenue, on Central Park North to be designated for housing and wrap-around services for women.
- WCJA supports the Rikers Closure Plan, and although there is a wing for women in Queens, the Lincoln Correctional State Facility would be more suitable for women, because it would be a stand-alone facility. This is vital since, up to 99% on women in this situation, experienced male-inflicted trauma. Additionally, by this facility being in Manhattan, the women are closer to their families and to the courts.
 - **The Ask -Letter of Support from CB10 HHS Committee:**
 - WCJA is requesting the letter of support to the Landmarks and Public Siting to draft a Points of Agreement memo from the Council to be attached to the ULURP that asks the City to continue looking for a stand-alone facility in Manhattan (preferably LCSF or another centrally located facility).

"Got Checked?" Campaign

- Presenter(s) Zwanger Pesiri, Radiology & Linda Bonanno, Founder
 - "Got Checked?" (GC) is a local non-profit organization which is fundamentally focused on education and early prevention of breast cancer. Their goal is to gradually introduce this health crisis to youth (in schools) because women as young as 20 have breast cancer. The organization has expanded its outreach to

Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island. GC is partnered with Zwanger Pesiri, radiology to have breast screenings to be more accessible and affordable, and is located at 288 St. Nicholas, Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Old Business/New Business:

- Mari Moss, presented,
 - The Upper Manhattan Ending the Epidemic in Collaboration with the National Black Leadership Commission on Aids, Inc. are hosting ‘The Urgency of Now’. This event is a discussion with faith leaders on HIV stigma in our community. The Keynote Speaker: Rev. William Francis of the Black Church and HIV, Atlanta, GA.
 - Held on Thursday, October 24th, 2019 from 9am-12pm at the Alhambra Ballroom, 2116 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. New York, NY 10027.
 - Contact: 212-614-0508, ext.114 or 107