

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging Minutes
November 4, 2021

Present:

Committee Members: Mary Anderson, Yosef Kalinsky, Maria Luna, Richard Allman, Fern Hertzberg
(Community Member to the Committee)

Committee Members Absent: Carol Weeks

Other Board Members Present: Betty Lehmann

Members of the Public: Dr. Biana Roykh, Ilana Dunner, Marie Carmel Garcon, Diandria Hernandez, Leidy Jorge Pena, Shuli Gutman, Liliette Lopez,

Call to Order: by Mary Anderson: 10:40 am

Presentation: Dr. Biana Roykh, Associate Dean, College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University

Dr. Biana Roykh, DDS, MPH, is an associate professor of dental medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center, the senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the College of Dental Medicine, and the dental director at Columbia University Health Care. She leads the clinical operations of the dental school, encompassing student clinics and five faculty practice locations. Dr. Roykh represents the College of Dental Medicine as a member of numerous committees locally and regionally.

Dr. Roykh spoke about initiatives of the College of Dental Medicine with respect to the community with respect to the following:

- The outreach efforts of CDM extend to the 13 northernmost zip codes in Northern Manhattan and the 5 most southwestern zip codes of the Bronx.
- They have established a partnership with Arch Care to provide community-based dental screenings at various locations and at the PACE Programs managed by Arch Care.
- They are engaged in a 14-month pilot program, funded by the Mother Cabrini Foundation, to provide a new mobile dental van.
- The CDM's Elder Smile Program provides screenings at the Grant Houses and at the Jackie Robinson Senior Center.
- Students from the School provide free dental screenings at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 521 West 125th Street, NYC.
- They are coordinating with the Nurse Practitioner Program to bring dental services to the home bound elderly.
- Dr. Roykh introduced key members of the new initiative at the Dental School:
 - Dr. Amy Herbert – Dental Care Director
 - Dr. Julia Tepper – Lead Faculty Member
 - Ms. Collette Linnen – Van Driver
 - Mr. Daniel Lopez – Community Dental Health Care Coordinator

Dr. Roykh indicated that next steps include efforts to improve engagement and partnerships throughout the community. With respect to that plan:

- o Fern Hertzberg invited Dr. Boykh to present to the WHICO group in early 2022.
- o Liliette Lopez offered to work with the college to coordinate efforts with the homebound elderly.
- o Richard Allman offered to reach out to members of other community boards to help open lines of communication.

Old Business:

Mary Anderson indicated that she had received correspondence from “Wellness in Inwood” – a new group seeking to bring addiction services to northern Manhattan. She will reach out to them to learn more about their mission and will report at a future meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Mary Anderson reported on how the Aging Committee rankings of both expense and capital rankings stacked up with the overall CB 12 rankings. Housing, Wi-Fi access and mental health services all ranked fairly high on the Board’s overall rankings. (see below for more details)
- 2) Motion for a resolution to urge DFTA to add budget towards senior centers
Vote: 4-0-1 (committee); 1-0-0 (board); 5-0-0 (community)

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

CB12M FY '23 Capital Budget Rankings (10/20/21)

Aging Committee				Board	Cmte
1	Aging	312201920C	System-wide upgrade of CB12M area to improve access to connectivity and WiFi	5	1
2	Aging	NEW	safety, ADA and DFTA regulations	19	2
3	Aging	312201906C	Provide funding to construct affordable, accessible senior housing		CS
Health & Environment Committee				Board	Cmte
4	H&E		Install green infrastructure such as bioswales to divert stormwater from the sewer system and address climate change issues in our community (DEP)	4	1
5	H&E		Construct new garage for District 8M and relocate its trucks from District 12M as quickly as possible to comply with co-terminality (DSNY)	12	2
6	H&E		Expedite the replacement of old water mains and sewer lines in our community (DEP)	9	3
7	H&E		Provide additional garbage collection trucks and street sweepers with snow plows (DSNY)	14	4
Housing & Human Services Committee				Board	Cmte
8	HHS		Provide funding for the construction of affordable accessible housing for seniors.	8	1

CB12M FY '23 Expense Budget Rankings (10/22/21)

Item #	Aging Committee			Board	Cmte
1	Aging	NEW	Funding for free Wifi access for seniors in CB12	7	1
2	Aging	312201918E	Increase access and outreach to healthy, culturally appropriate food for seniors with medical needs	17	CS
3	Aging	312201905E	Increase the expansion in the program “Expanded In Home Services For Elderly Persons” (EISEP) funding to provide affordable home care including sliding scale reimbursement	13	CS
4	Aging	312201924E	Increase funding for senior transportation programs by restoring prior City Council Funding and expanding access and outreach	22	CS
5	Aging		Increase OTPS funding for replacement furnishings in senior centers as needed	21	CS