

**MINUTES OF HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON JUNE 20th, 2016 at  
AMALGAMATED HOUSING  
74 VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH**

Present: Steven Froot, Lenora Croft, Diomarys Escano, Omar Murray, Lisa Daub, Dan Padernacht

Absent: Michael Heller and Karen Pesce

HHSS meeting started right after the THRIVE NYC FORUM at 8:45 pm.

Steven introduced the newest member of the committee, Diomarys Escano.

Steven discussed the attempts to establish a budget for a decontamination station for EMS in the Woodlawn area, that would be a home base for at least three ambulance. At one point the station was lost and one was established outside of our community, but in an adjacent neighborhood in Woodlawn.

Steven stated that last year the request was not reinstated because when EMS goes out on a call and completes its call the only place that would be close to go for decontamination and restocking might be Brooklyn or Yonkers. So it was removed from the list.

Steven decided to place the same resolution that Lisa Daub of the Aging requested.

Steven asked if anyone had any ideas for the budget. Karen Pesce came up with anti-bullying, but unfortunately nothing came of it. He stated that there were ten days left if anyone had any ideas.

There was a mention of an over site over home care agency to ensure that there was screening and proper training of persons with dementia, which doesn't fall under aging, but rather HHSS, to possibly be a budget item. Steven stated, "send it to Lenora, whatever you have."

Lenora stated that she would look into the home care agency situation, being that I was going through my situation with my aunt.

Steven said, "thanks for coming", which ended the meeting. Then he added, he didn't know whether HRA had any role in the home care agency. I'm just thinking about the people that come to present to the committee, and the Bronx person for HRA. I don't remember seeing anything of that aspect, although they recommend our services. There are things that tend to come up without warning that this committee has jurisdiction over. It doesn't have to be that way but when Social Services, which has

services like residential alternatives, which are group homes for the disabled, for physical disability, more often than not, mental disability, congenial development disability, with that there's a plan to open a group home in the community. There's a Padavan law that gives the community a certain amount of time to have a public hearing. Either it's approved or not approved or no action taken. And it's the State agency that needs to get that vote. The community as a whole has any say in it.

With that said the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Minutes recorded by  
Lenora Croft  
HHSS Committee