

COMMUNITY BOARD 12 - MANHATTAN
Health & Environment Committee
Minutes -- October 4, 2018

Committee Members Present: Steve Simon (Chair), Daryl Cochrane (Asst. Chair), Richard Allman, Tanya Bonner, Sara Fisher, Danielle Jettoo, Elizabeth Lehmann, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

Other CB 12 Members Attending: Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Osi Kaminer

Public Attending: Kellie Bryant, Columbia Univ. School of Nursing; Nina Bernstein, Denia Burdie, Hyacinth Clarke, Diana Ereskina, Wendy Feinstein, Ted Freed, Allegra LeGrande, Cheramie Mondesire.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

- 1. Opioid Overdose Response – Presentation and Training:** Kellie Bryant, DNP, WHNP, CHSE, Executive Director of Simulation & Assistant Professor, Columbia University School of Nursing, 560 West 168th Street, NYC (212) 305-2982 and kdb2146@cumc.columbia.edu

Purpose of Presentation: Recognize the signs and impact of an opioid & fentanyl overdose; provide immediate care and administer Naloxone (Narcan); learn about national initiatives.

- 72,287 overdose deaths in 2017 – leading cause of death for those under 50
- Overdose deaths rising in all age groups; highest group is age 25-54
- ER visits are up 73% due to opioid overdose cases
- Washington Heights & Inwood has a rate of 22.2 deaths per 100,000 residents (16th highest in NYC – Brooklyn & Staten Island have the highest incidences)
- NYC is spending \$60m/yr. on addiction education, intervention & treatment
- Signs and symptoms of opioid were discussed
- The differences between morphine, fentanyl & heroin were discussed
- Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) was demonstrated
- Naloxone kits were distributed to all attending
- Medical & socio/economic factors influencing opioid use were discussed
- Community assistance was discussed.

It was suggested that Ms. Bryant make this presentation at a CB 12 General Meeting so that the information can be more broadly distributed and so that more people can be trained in responding to opioid overdoses and hopefully save lives. She agreed to do so. She also offered to make this presentation to other community groups as well.

2. Discussion and Vote on FY 20 Expense and Capital Budget Priorities

Steve Simon distributed the committee's FY 19 budget priorities.

- For FY 19, 39 capital budget priorities were submitted from CB 12M, of which 2 came from the Health & Environment Committee and 1 was listed as "continuing support" (CS)
- For FY 19, 43 expense priorities were considered by CB 12M, of which 9 came from the Committee. Five of the 9 were in the top 25.

The Committee discussed these in light of community needs and agreed upon the following Expense and Capital Budget rankings for FY 20:

Expense Budget Priorities

Ranking	Item
1	Expand mental health services in our community, including outreach to the homeless. (DOHMH)
2	Increase substance abuse services in our community, including opioid overdose prevention, education & treatment (DOHMH)
3	Increase HIV/AIDS prevention & treatment services, and LGBTQ services in general, in our community (DOHMH)
4	Provide funding to ensure that all local schools have health clinics (DOHMH)
5	Increase staff to conduct regular noise enforcement, air quality monitoring and water quality testing in our community (DEP)
6	Increase services for chronic disease patients and their families, including those coping with Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer and heart disease (DOHMH)
7	Increase funding for education and outreach on recycling, reuse and composting as well as proper disposal of household garbage in our community (DSNY)
8	Increase trash basket collection on commercial streets especially on weekends in District 12M (DSNY)
9	Install green infrastructure such as bioswales to divert water from the sewer system in our community (DEP)
10	Increase rat mitigation efforts in our community (DOHMH)

Capital Budget Priorities

Ranking	Item
1	Expedite the replacement of old water mains & sewer lines in our community (DEP)
2	Provide additional Sanitation equipment, including collection trucks & street sweepers with snow-removal equipment (DSNY)
CS	Construct new District 8M garage and relocate its trucks from District 12M (DSNY)

The above list of FY 20 Expense and Capital Budget Requests was approved by the following vote:

- Committee members: 7-0-0-0
- Other CB 12 members: 2-0-0-0
- Public: 6-0-0-0

- Isabella Geriatric Center:** Betty Lehmann tabled her report until the next meeting.
- Old Business:** Steve Simon sent on behalf of CB 12M following the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the Brownfield Cleanup Program application submitted to the N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation by the owner of 4650 Broadway. The owner plans to demolish the

existing building and construct of a new 9-story, mixed-use building. Wendy Feinstein voiced her concerns about the demolition proceeding without the appropriate permits and the possible impact on the community. S. Simon said he would check on whether the Dept. of Buildings would issue a demolition permit before the initial remediation was completed. He pointed out that the committee also will be reviewing the brownfield cleanup plan for the site at 207th Street & 9th Avenue where MADD Equities plans to build a 30-story building.

Sally Fisher brought up the fact that the Committee is still awaiting data from NY-Presbyterian Hospital on the patients who utilize the psychiatric beds at the Allen Hospital and that she would like to take a tour of the unit. She also asked that CLOTH be invited to speak at a future meeting about how it spent \$170k it received from Council Member Rodriguez for a clean-up initiative.

5. **New Business:** Tanya Bonner brought up the matter recently in the news about the Trump Administration plan to deny green cards to legal residents who receive benefits such as Medicaid, food stamps and housing assistance. She suggested that the Health & Environment Committee may want to consider this matter at a future meeting since it has public health implications.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Lehmann