

FY 2021 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Meeting Date 9/13/2019

AGENDA ITEM 1 : General Agency Funding Discussion:

The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to provide Community Boards with important information to assist in drafting their statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As you know, Community Board Members are volunteers who may not be familiar with the budget process and how agencies' programs are funded. At the same time, Community Board members are very knowledgeable about local service needs.

This year's Manhattan agendas have three sections:

I. Agencies begin the consultation with a presentation of their goals, funding decision process, and highlights of their funding needs.

II. Then, the agenda continues with Community Boards asking about specific program funding.

III. Lastly, the agendas include Boards' requests on district-specific budget questions. We request that the agency respond in writing, but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

For the first section, please present on the four topics below for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of our Consultation. Also, please provide written responses or even a PowerPoint presentation that we can use to fully and accurately educate our Board Members.

1. What are your priorities and operational goals for FY19 and projected priorities and operational goals for FY20?
2. What are the current proposed FY20 and FY21 service and operational goals and proposed funding?
3. Which programs is the agency adding, dropping, or changing for FY20 and projected for FY21?
4. What are your benchmarks for new and existing programs and what are your benchmarks/key performance indicators for measuring success?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

1. DOHMH goals and budget priorities are an amalgam of mandated services and programmatic work that align with the core of our mission, protecting and promoting public health. Examples include:

- A. Detect and control infectious diseases
- B. Prevent chronic disease by promoting healthy behaviors and preventive health care
- C. Promote a safe environment
- D. Conduct our work with a focus on health equity

2. On average for the last several fiscal years, DOHMH overall budget has been approximately \$1.6 billion annually

3. Nothing major dropped. Happy to discuss some upcoming programmatic additions

4. Continuing benchmark is health equity, evaluating programs, services and policies that affect communities of color with poorer health outcomes. Narrowing the disparity gaps

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

DOHMH is on a 3 year cycle.

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AGENDA ITEM 2 : Mental Health Funding

There is great confusion regarding how THRIVE mental health funding is distributed among agencies, especially DOHMH, Police Dept, DHS, DOE.

1. How is this money distributed?
2. How is this accounted for in individual agencies and joint operations?
3. How is the overall amount of appropriated funding determined?
4. What are the benchmarks to evaluate the programs' effectiveness in different areas:
 - 4A. In shelters?
 - 4B. With respect to guidance counselors in schools?
 - 4C. Street outreach?
5. Thrive is targeted towards lower income New Yorkers. What is follow up on cases opened for street homeless?
 - 5A. Shelter homeless?
 - 5B. Homeless students in schools?
 - 5C. How many opened?
 - 5D. Followed up?
 - 5E. Closed as referral or as successful?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Susan Stetzer (CB3 District Manager) wants more information on THRIVE, but no further details are being provided by DOHMH at this time.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 : Facility Improvement Funding

How much funding has been allocated in FY18 for DHMH facility improvements in Manhattan? What is projected for FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

FY19 allocation- \$2,787,000.00
FY20 projection- \$ 2,750,000.00

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AGENDA ITEM 4 : Lead Paint and Lead Dust Inspectors

HPD and the Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene have oversight with regard to lead paint in multi-family buildings.

1. How many inspectors do HPD and DHMH have that specifically focus on lead dust issues in buildings undergoing renovation?
2. Given the sharp increase in building permits being issued, and gut renovation of vacant apartments in occupied buildings, do HPD and DHMH plan to address the growing health risks of lead dust being disbursed by providing funding for more inspectors specifically assigned to testing for lead in multi-family buildings undergoing renovation?
3. Is this program administered by HPD or DHMH?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DOHMH can't speak to the number of inspectors employed by HPD. DOHMH Healthy Homes Program (HHP) inspectors are crossed trained to perform inspections inside the homes of children with elevated blood lead levels as well as respond to complaints of construction work that is creating dust and currently employs 45 inspectors that can respond to reported lead dust issues. It's worthwhile to note that DOB (not HPD) is typically tasked with monitoring aspects of construction in buildings issued permits that may involve renovations.

DOHMH does not currently have a backlog of complaints relating to unsafe work practices, and anticipates having sufficient staff to meet future demands. DOHMH is also working with DOB to proactively inspect a subset of buildings to ensure that Tenant Protection Plans submitted with the permit are being adhered to.

Under Local Law 1 of 2004, DOHMH HHP is required to respond to complaints of unsafe work practices that create potential lead dust hazards, so long as there is at least one building resident under 18 years of age.

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AGENDA ITEM 5 : Staffing

What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan? How do these staffing levels compare to staffing levels last year?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Please see attached for City-wide information.

MEETING NOTES:

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AGENDA ITEM 6 : Please describe all new programs coordinated with DYCD and how results are tracked and coordinated?

1. What education and/or awareness programs were funded in FY19?
2. Which of these programs will be funded in FY20 and anticipated for FY21?
3. Are any of these programs new?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Awareness and educational campaigns for Measles and vaccinations, Tobacco usage, lead exposure, ThriveNYC, Mental Health First Aid, HIV/AIDs and STDs. Approximate funding in FY19 was \$12,000,000

Funding will continue for day to day programming and any public health emergencies (i.e. measles) as they arise

All programs are pre-existing and not new.

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DOHMH will follow up on if they are involved in youth and aging items.

AGENDA ITEM 7 : Neighborhood Rat Initiative

1. What has been the success rate for lowering findings of rats in the 3 neighborhoods in the initiative?
2. How will successes be used for better and more proactive rat initiatives for other neighborhoods?
3. Why has it taken so long to initiative some of the rat initiative projects--such as replacing dirt floors in NYCHA buildings?
 - 3A. Is this due to lack of adequate funding or staff?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

1. As of July 31, the neighborhood failure rate for rat activity has decreased in all three rat mitigation zones (RMZ) compared to baseline inspections conducted in 2017:

- a) Manhattan: 9% decrease
- b) Bronx: 53% decrease
- c) Brooklyn: 31% decrease

RMZ schools have decreased their rates of non-compliance with Sanitation guidelines for garbage management in all three zones compared to baseline:

- a) Manhattan: 78% decrease
- b) Bronx: 79% decrease
- c) Brooklyn: 74% decrease

NYCHA developments in RMZ have all decreased counts of rat burrows compared to baseline:

- Manhattan: 61% decrease
- Bronx: 88% decrease
- Brooklyn: 80% decrease

Parks in RMZ have all decreased counts of rat burrows compared to baseline:

- a) Manhattan: 47% decrease
- b) Bronx: 58% decrease

c) Brooklyn: 37% decrease

311 complaints have declined in all 3 RMZs since we launched in 2017.

2. • Our most important successes to date are reductions in rat activity and improvements in garbage management at schools, parks and NYCHA developments. Repeat inspections and close coordination between DSNY, DPR, DOE and NYCHA has proved to be incredibly successful in reducing rats and conditions conducive to rats. This work will continue.

- Our work with NYCHA will also be expanded to 60 additional developments (38 of which are in Harlem). This work started in August 2019. See the press release here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/about/press/pr-2019/pr-20190719.page>

- We continue to conduct two annual inspections in every one of the 27,000 properties in the current three Rat Mitigation Zones established in the Mayors Neighborhood Rat Reduction program.

- DOHMH is also working in smaller established rat reservoir neighborhoods in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens where proactive annual inspections take place and case management services are offered to struggling property owners. We also offer our free Rat Academy to owners, residents, gardeners and businesses in each target area.

- In 2018, citywide 311 complaints in regards to rats declined for the first time, complaints declined the most in the three rat mitigation zones.

3. • Currently, the only delays in the Neighborhood Rat Reduction projects were in NYCHA developments. Please contact NYCHA for further explanation.

- All of the other investments in the Neighborhood Rat Reduction initiative were on target and have been launched successfully.

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AGENDA ITEM 8 : Funding the Top 3 Health Concerns

1. How much funding is allocated to the top 3 health concerns in Manhattan?

2. How is the funding distributed and used to address the most pressing health concerns for NYC?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

When it comes to addressing the top health concerns, much of the work and allocation of resources and funding is programmatic based. Therefore, a break out of work specifically performed in a borough is not a true reflection of the allocation of services and funding.

In general, much of our funding goes to internal programs that maybe provide direct services in communities. DOHMH also has a very robust RFP and contracting process to engage community organizations with access to public funds on programmatic work.

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Bureau of Epidemiology trying to standardize reports, research, and information regarding health impacts.

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AGENDA ITEM 9 : Community Board Support

1. What budget priorities would DHMH like the Community Boards to support?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Focus on sugar and salt.

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