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Policy & Legislation Committee Minutes

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Dalourny Nemorin, Committee Chairperson

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New York State Budget Delays and Policy Discussions

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin calls the meeting to order, skipping introductions and old business.
- The New York State budget is delayed by three weeks, amounting to \$250 billion.
- Four policies are tethered to the budget, including banning cell phones for children, mask harassment laws, involuntary commitment, and discovery reform rollback.
- The focus of the meeting is to discuss the New York State discovery reform rollback and possibly involuntary commitment if time permits.

Discussion on Discovery Reform and Budget Concerns

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin outlines the documents presented: the Kalief law, a summary of a judge's testimony, an alternative proposal, and an article from the Gothamist.
- The goal is to propose a letter for a full board vote on the discovery reform rollback.
- Member Maura Cosme suggests the need for more funding for the District Attorneys (DAs) office, including technological resources and more district attorneys.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin explains the current process for evidence transfer between the NYPD and the DA's office, emphasizing the need for technological updates and more staff.

Challenges in the Current Evidence Transfer Process

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discusses the technicalities in the current evidence transfer process, including the speedy trial clock for misdemeanors and felonies.

- Member Maura Cosme raises concerns about how to handle violent individuals who are declared innocent but still pose a threat to the community.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin explains that bail and discovery are independent processes, and the clock moves faster when bail is denied.
- The need for more technological staff and updated systems for both the NYPD and the DA's office is emphasized to ensure smoother evidence transfer.

Technological and Staffing Needs for the NYPD and DA's Office

- Member Maura Cosme highlights the need for better technological systems and more staff to handle evidence transfer.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin agrees, stating that the current system is outdated and needs updates.
- The discussion includes the need for high-capacity servers and technological staff to manage the evidence transfer process.
- The goal is to balance community safety and due process while ensuring that evidence is transferred smoothly and securely.

Involuntary Commitment and Mental Health Support

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discusses the proposal to expand involuntary commitment to include individuals who are unable to care for themselves.
- Member Maura Cosme suggests providing case workers, nursing, or caretakers for individuals who need support.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin agrees and proposes creating a housing complex with security for mentally ill individuals.
- The discussion includes the need for more mental health treatment centers and hospitals to support individuals who need stabilization.

Community Safety and Mental Health Resources

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin emphasizes the need for more mental health treatment centers and hospitals to support individuals who need stabilization.
- Member Maura Cosme suggests providing more resources for families to care for mentally ill individuals.
- The discussion includes the need for more mental health treatment centers and hospitals to support individuals who need stabilization.
- The goal is to provide necessary resources for mentally ill individuals to be successful and stable.

Community Engagement and Advocacy

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discusses the need for community engagement and advocacy on issues like discovery reform and involuntary commitment.
- Member Maura Cosme suggests organizing community cleanups to address issues like syringe collection.
- The discussion includes the need for more resources and support for community members to address mental health and safety issues.
- The goal is to engage the community and advocate for necessary resources and support.

Syringe Collection and Safe Injection Sites

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discusses the need for syringe collection and safe injection sites to address issues like HIV and overdose prevention.
- Member Maura Cosme suggests exploring the possibility of safe injection sites to monitor individuals who use drugs.
- The discussion includes the need for more resources and support for safe injection sites and syringe collection.
- The goal is to address issues like HIV and overdose prevention while providing necessary resources and support.

Community Center and Library Needs

- Member Maura Cosme suggests the need for a community center with a library, music rooms, and study rooms.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discusses the need for more community resources and support.
- The discussion includes the need for more community centers and libraries to support individuals and families.
- The goal is to provide necessary resources and support for community members to engage and succeed.

Final Thoughts and Next Steps

- Dalourny Nemorin summarizes the key points discussed, including the need for more funding, technological updates, and community resources.
- Member Maura Cosme emphasizes the importance of community engagement and advocacy.
- The discussion includes the need for more resources and support for community members to address mental health and safety issues.

- The goal is to balance community safety and due process while providing necessary resources and support.

Action Items

- Draft a letter opposing the tethering of policies to the state budget and outlining the committee's position on discovery reform and involuntary commitment.
- Meet with the Department of Transportation to discuss the activation of Roberto Clemente Plaza.
- Meet with city and state health agencies to discuss syringe collection and overdose prevention centers in the district.
- Explore the possibility of creating a community center with library, music rooms, and a theater in the hub area of the district.