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MINUTES

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CEDRIC L. LOFTIN
DISTRICT MANAGER

ATHENA PSYCH

Mr. Fernando Brinn Consultant said that I represent Athena Psych they have over 20 years' experience in providing services. They do a lot of work with commercial health providers also people that are on disability, Worker's Compensation and they do mental health counseling individual, groups and family. They work with children with hyper activity and their goal is to provide the services they've been providing for over 20 years into the boroughs. Then they have a drug treatment facility. Another of their goals is to continue working with families and individuals who have different issues such as anxiety, eating disorders and things of that nature. Their clinic would help meet the need for family psychological services in the community especially for the underserved population of youth.

We've also presented in front of Community Board 2 and received a letter of support and also received a letter of support from Community Board 3. We also seek support from Community Board 1 in an effort to become a licensed Article 31 Mental Health Clinic. An Article 31 allows you to work with the Managed Care Providers for reimbursement purposes. There's a whole population that we're not able to work with unless they pay cash. All of our population is cash paying or they get paid by commercial healthcare or they get paid through Workers Compensation. A number of cases we get from the Court system referred to us for Anger Management or family counseling. It will add to our ability to see other people who need the services.

It's allowing the community to have access to different mythologies and different types of mental health clinics. Again really specializing on people's different types of mental illness or anxiety. Right now we're getting patients from the State Workman's Compensation Board, a lot of referrals from Doctors, paid providers like Blue Cross-Blue Shield a lot of them from the commercial healthcare providers.

The location is at 2825 Third Avenue right off 149th Street heading south on Third Avenue. The catchment area would be Community Board 1, 2 and 3.

Questions and Comments

The Chairperson asked for a motion for to provide Athena Psych with a letter of support.

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Motion made to provide Athena Psych with a letter of support. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

The Chairperson called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.