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**Policy & Legislation Committee Minutes**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Dalourny Nemorin, Committee Chairperson**

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**Drug Crisis in the Bronx and Syringe Collection**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin begins the meeting by addressing the drug crisis in the Bronx and the letter related to it.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin mentions the addition of a requirement for all treatment providers to collect syringes, but expresses uncertainty about the escort aspect.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin shares insights from a district Cabinet meeting about New York City Department of Health funding for syringe collection and distribution.
- Member Whitney Williams and Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discuss the varying roles of treatment providers and the need for clarity on their missions.

**Funding and Syringe Collection Requirements**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin emphasizes the importance of treatment providers being good neighbors by collecting syringes.
- Member Whitney Williams suggests that some treatment providers may not want to collect syringes and highlights the need for clear mission alignment.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin proposes a joint meeting with New York City Department of Health, New York State Department of Health, and OMH to understand funding distinctions.

- Member Whitney Williams agrees on the need for additional resources for syringe collection and suggests involving community-based organizations.

### **Community Engagement and Third-Party Solutions**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin introduces Gloria, a community member, and invites her to engage in the conversation.
- Gloria suggests outsourcing syringe collection to a third-party organization to avoid community resistance.
- Gloria shares her experience with street stewardship and cleaning, suggesting a community-based organization could handle syringe collection.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams discuss the potential benefits of involving third-party organizations and the need for funding.

### **Syringe Collection and Community Relations**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams discuss the importance of community relations and the need for treatment providers to be good neighbors.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin mentions the upcoming syringe exchange program in New York City and the need for dedicated funding for syringe collection.
- Member Whitney Williams emphasizes the need for additional resources for treatment providers to participate in syringe collection.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin proposes a big-picture approach to solving addiction and severe mental illness, focusing on practical solutions like syringe collection.

### **Robert Clemente Plaza and Street Vendor Activation**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams discuss the issues at Robert Clemente Plaza and the need for street vendor activation.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin mentions the involvement of the Department of Transportation and the need for a meeting with economic development to address these issues.
- Member Whitney Williams highlights the logistics and regulations involved in street vendor projects.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin suggests further investigation into the street vendor problem and the potential benefits of Robert Clemente Plaza activation.

## **Bylaws and Vacancy Procedures**

- Member Whitney Williams and Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin discuss the bylaws and the need to address vacancy procedures for board positions.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides insights on the typical timeline for holding special elections to fill vacant positions.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams agree on a timeline of 30 to 60 days for holding elections, with exceptions for summer recess.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin emphasizes the importance of filling vacancies promptly to avoid disruptions in the board's operations.

## **Discretionary Funds and Community-Based Organizations**

- Speaker inquires about the possibility of applying for discretionary funds for her community-based organization.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the application process for discretionary funds and the importance of compliance with state and federal guidelines.
- Speaker mentions her organization's status as a 501(c)(3) and the potential need for a fiscal sponsor.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams provide guidance on the application process and the role of City Council offices in supporting these efforts.

## **Final Edits and Meeting Adjournment**

- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin and Member Whitney Williams finalize the edits to the bylaws and prepare them for the full board's review.
- Member Whitney Williams confirms that no additional comments or suggestions were submitted by board members.
- Committee Chair Dalourny Nemorin adjourns the meeting, noting the efficiency and productivity of the session.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder of the next meeting in March and the potential for presentations from city and state agencies.

## **Action Items**

- Edit the letter to the city and state regarding the drug crisis and funding for treatment providers.

- Reach out to Marilyn, the chair of the Health and Human Services committee, to schedule the NYC Department of Health and NY State Department of Health to attend the next meeting.
- Investigate the process and timeline for electing a new chairperson or vice chairperson in the event of a vacancy, and update the bylaws accordingly.
- Provide information to the community member (Gloria) about the process for applying for discretionary funding from the City Council.