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YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 2, 2006

MINUTES

Attendance: Evelyn Munoz, Carolyn Alston, Arnaldo Arzu, Theresa Marero, Dean Perez.

Others Present: Ana Alston, Bronx District Public Health Office, Police Officer Mildred Roman, New York City Police Department, Gloria Cruz, St. Ann's Church.

FEG'S Health and Human Services System

Mr. Hans Bernier said that he is the Recruiting Specialist for the FEG's Career Development Institute. We are a job placement and GED program located on the corner of East 147th Street & Bergen Avenue and the fourth floor of Boricua College.

The sole purpose of our organization is to reach out to individuals that are often times left to fend for themselves and services young adult out of school population. Our program works with nineteen to twenty-one year olds who are looking to take charge and make a difference in their lives and communities.

We have a youth based approach and the program is built around each client. Basically we have three teams that are working in conjunction with each and every client. One is our social service aspect just to take care of the basic needs of the client making sure that they have metro cards and lunch. Another tier is our workforce development team that is directed and geared towards career development which is the main function of our program. Workforce development is where the client receives intense training in work readiness giving them the basic job skills needed to succeed in today's business world. In addition we provide a computer competency class. The program also offers several different internships, job placement assistance, and resumes workshops. The third and final aspect of our program is education and instruction piece this is our GED and college bound program anything geared towards higher learning.

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CDI is the largest program within the education and youth division of FEG's we operate during normal business hours 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and also funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). It's not only our privilege but mandate to take care of business for our clients.

New York City Police Department

Police Office Mildred Roman presented a power point presentation on gang awareness.

Whether you call a gang a family, nation or association, wear colors that identify your affiliation or joined for protection, excitement and/or money, all gangs have one thing in common, criminal activity. Gang members are at an estimated 88% greater risk for injury, prison or early death than other juveniles.

It's important to learn the facts and choose wisely. Everyone has the choice not to become a member of a gang by asking themselves what do I really want out to life, do I believe I can achieve it, can I identify support systems to help me, what is my life worth?

Also it is important to set goals, become involved in after-school activities or work, identify positive support systems, don't dress or act like you want to join a gang and join others who think like you.

The help in making the right decisions can be found with your parents; school counselor, school safety officer, clergy, local precinct Youth Officer, local Boys & Girls clubs and other youth organizations.

Ms. Gloria Cruz announced Walk Against Gun Violence being held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 11:00 AM.

Ms. Theresa Marrero announced that June 3, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM the South Bronx Kids will host a telethon called United We Stand.

Meeting adjourned.