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MINUTES Veterans' Services Committee

6/29/2018 7:30 pm 2018 #3

Present: A. Salimbene

Absent: W. Chin, R. Barbarelli, I. Guanill

Guests: K. Cunningham, G. Taveras, J. Bello, D. Siomon, D. Frink, E. Gonzalez III

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to suspend reading of previous meeting minutes.

Introductions & Guests presentations:

Kim Cunningham – NYC C.E.R.T. – will be connecting with veterans for them to become certified for emergency mobilization in their community. She provided in-depth information on the program and flyer bags. Tony invited her to present at the September full board meeting.

Also joining round table discussions (homeless, families, jobs) were: Giovanni Taveras – NYS Veterans Chamber of Commerce Dennis Frink – NYC Dept. of Social Services Donnell Simon – NYC Dept. of Veterans Services Joe Bello – Veterans Advisory Board

Old Business:

- The 2 Fisher Houses at Bronx VA Hospital got approved as a 501-c-3 organization in record time as they have a 5 star charity rating. This is very important for the actual operation of the residences once completed.
- -The golf carts at the VA for patient transport around the grounds are up and running. Staff and volunteer training continues.
- ½ fare Metrocards for veterans may not have been accomplished as hoped for, but at least student veterans can get a discount, based on the new criteria recently adopted by the city for all. Knowing the initiator of the project "H.P." the battle will continue...

New Business:

None, except for the new presentations above.

Motion to adjourn – Tony mentioned remembrance of those who died and those suffering physical and mental disabilities from service to their country.

Adjourned at 8:40pm – guests invited to remain for further discussions and networking.

Submitted:

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