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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Y. Royer
Meeting Date:	February 21, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30PM
Meeting Location:	Kittay Houses, 2550 Webb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468
Members In Attendance:	✓ Chad Royer _ Emmanuel Asamoah ✓ Jean Hill _ Bernard Wright ✓ Hugo Gonzalez ✓ Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read**
- II. Introductions/Attendance: Quorum was met**
- III. Review of January 2024 Minutes: Minutes were approved**
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month (If applicable): N/A**
- V. New Business**
 - A. NYC Department of Veterans Services - Ellen Greeley**
 - 1. The NYC Department of Veterans Services (NYC DVS) is an eight year old city agency that works with Veterans, regardless of discharge status. They help with claims, legal services, discharge upgrades, SNAP benefits and other benefits that Veterans may not get from the Federal VA. NYC DVS has a VET Connect system that links Veterans to other social services.
 - 2. NYC DVS first started with housing homeless Veterans and continued with educational benefits and employment assistance. As of this meeting, there are about 632 homeless Veterans who have entered the shelter system.



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3. Ellen Greeley does most of her work in the area of mental health and there are many programs available that connect Veterans to different services.
 - a) There is a program called Mission Vet Check, which takes place every Wednesday, where DVS works with New York Cares to call Veterans to inquire if they need services.
4. Lastly, DVS is conducting a community survey and the goal is to get feedback on community needs for veterans.

B. Kyshonna Hollington, LP-MFT, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic at the Jewish Board:

1. Kyshonna is partnering with Crescendo Consulting Group to run a community needs assessment survey.
2. The health clinic provides residencies and programs that support adults who have a long history of medical and mental health services. There is an intake process where people can call, 1844-ONE-CALL or 1844-663-2255, and cases get assigned within a week.
3. The clinic has an early childhood treatment center where they treat children up to the age of 10 and they have clinically trained staff, peer specialists and social workers who determine what services are needed, and they provide referrals to clients.
4. The clinic works with clients if there is a problem with their health insurance and they provide telehealth and in-person visits, but not hybrid.
5. The clinic recently applied for their OASAS license and they will begin substance use disorder treatment on-site. This will allow clients to get all services (including screenings and checking vitals) in one location rather than going to other locations.

C. Jeffrey Hunter Award Conversation:

1. The committee agreed to come up with qualification questions and criteria for nominees to receive the award.

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2. The idea of the Jeffrey Hunter Award came up because the committee and other board members thought it would be a good way to commemorate some of the veterans within the community.

VI. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting for the Veterans Committee will be in March 2024, but the date has not been determined.

VII. Discussion on Next Agenda: N/A

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Tobie Buford, seconded by Hugo Gonzalez. Meeting is adjourned.