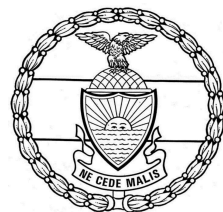


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VETERANS AFFAIRS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Royer
Meeting Date:	June 17, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	<u>Tracey Towers</u> 40 West Mosholu Parkway South, Bronx, NY 10468 (Building 40, Community Room B)
Members In Attendance:	✓ Chad Royer ✓ Alfred Grant ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Deahna Penn ✓ Craig Rijkaard _ Jake Wilson ✓ Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes:

I. Introduction

II. Introductions/Attendance:

A. Quorum was met. 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

III. Review Of Previous Minutes

A. The May 20, 2026 meeting minutes were approved, motioned by Jean Hill, seconded by Alfred Grant.

IV. Review From Previous Meeting:

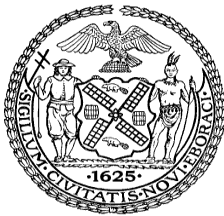
A. Lehman Prevention Collaborative was supposed to present a follow-up from the previous campaign. Instead, they will come back to the committee in September 2026 with updates on other campaign initiatives.

B. Several Veteran residents at Fordham Village Veterans Residence, 355 East 194th Street, continue to experience issues in the building. The latest news is that a rent reduction was granted to some residents based on the building's failure to resolve previously reported issues. Jeff Malone recently reported that the building management under Jericho Projects has not properly applied the rent reductions to all residents who were supposed to have received this, and the residents should be cautioned of any attempts by the building to make residents sign an order to

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restore rent before any and all work in the building is completed in a satisfactory manner.

V. New Business

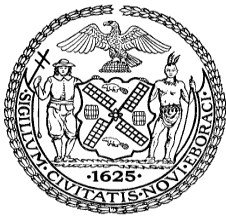
A. Update On North Central Bronx Hospital - Alfredo Jones, Chief Operating Officer

1. Alfredo Jones provided updates to the board regarding North Central Hospital and one of the divisions under New York City Health and Hospitals, called Correctional Health Services. The parties associated with Rikers Island wanted to partner with medical facilities rather than transport people in custody back and forth. Two other hospitals acting as partners on the medical side with Correctional Health Services are Woodhull and Bellevue.
2. North Central will have Outpost Therapeutic Housing Units (O.T.H.U.), which are designed for people in custody who need medical attention for certain illnesses where being in jail would not provide the opportunity of being addressed on a daily basis. The Department of Corrections and Correctional Health Services will run and operate the program, and the dedicated hospital floors include 16, 15, 14, and half of 13.
3. There is construction taking place at North Central, including addressing aging infrastructure, expanding emergency areas, and upgrading elevators, chillers, boilers, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems. The current phase involves temporarily placing patients while they improve and expanding the spaces for the adult and pediatric emergency rooms. The behavioral health emergency department is being renovated with more safety measures.
4. After discussion with FDNY, the ambulance bay will be placed in front of the hospital to make it easier to pull in, enter the emergency area, and then leave. Within 18 to 24 months, there will be an ambulatory walk-in entrance at the 210th Street/Kossuth Avenue corner and an ambulance entrance on Kossuth Avenue for access to the emergency room, and ADA accessibility will be much improved.
5. There will be an MCU (Municipal Credit Union) ATM available for community residents to use so that they would not have to necessarily travel

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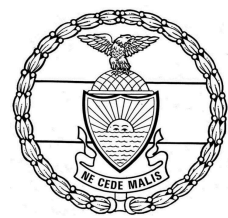
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to find another MCU location. North Central is also looking to expand its locations to serve more patients.

6. There has been some community concern over patients mixing with the community. The Department of Corrections will have jurisdiction over the program, but the hospital still belongs to North Central, and the patients will be confined to the allocated floors of the building.
7. Next year, there will be a project involving the creation of four new operating rooms (ORs).
8. Alfredo Jones would like to report back to the Veterans and Human Services Committee on a quarterly basis, but that would depend on scheduling.

B. Committee Discussion on Legislation Ideas

1. Tobie Buford reminded the committee of an idea suggested earlier in the year regarding the placement of banners featuring Veterans from the Bronx on street poles from East Kingsbridge Road to West Kingsbridge Road/West 225th Street. When it was brought up to the city council members in our district, it was noted that funds were allocated in the budget for other projects and that the idea could be raised in time for the following year's budget. The committee will ask the office to reach out to Council members Dinowitz, Sanchez, and Feliz, as various parts of Kingsbridge Road are represented by each of them.

VI. Announcements

VII. Next Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

VIII. Discussion on Next Agenda:

IX. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn meeting by Jean Hill, seconded by Chad Y Royer.