

Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary February 4, 2025

Board Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Linda Soto, Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore

I. Committee Description: The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. New Business

- A. 43rd Precinct Community Council Meeting will be taking place on Wed, Feb 5th at 7pm at the ShopRite Community Room.
- B. Urban Health Plan distributed produce at James Monroe, ongoing initiative.
- C. ShopRite prices are too expensive, request for senior discounts and coupons. City taxes cause Bronx ShopRite to be more costly than ShopRites in other locations. Congestion at entrance/exits at supermarket is also a concern. There is a need for additional customer service representatives to prevent long lines which causes congestions by the entrance/exit, especially for seniors in walkers and canes. Additionally, elevators not working for meetings is a concern Request for ShopRite Manage to revisit this committee. No crosswalk on Pugsley and limited lighting concern at the parking lot outside of ShopRite, deeper conversation on this topic were held at last month's Land & Zoning Committee Meeting when Urban Edge Rep presented.
- D. Metro Community Health Services accept clinical internships and provides medical, behavioral health, and dental services. They have a partnership with a local school that does early intervention for autistic children ages 2-5 located in the same building.
- E. NYC now offers a full spectrum Doula Program through NYCDOH with income eligibility https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/doula-care.page
- F. CM Salamanca will be hosting Senior Valentine's Day event, more information needed

III. March Agenda Items

- Beth Gardner, South Bronx Job Corps Academy
- AARP Remote presentation tentative

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