

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

PRESENT:

A. ANANTHARAMAN	P. BELLENBAUM	K. ENO
A. FAIOLA	R. FREEMAN	L. HILL
T. JACKSON	F. JEAN	D. RAMOS
M. SCOTT	A. SHEF RIN	B. SOLOTAIRE
S. TURET	R. UNDERWOOD	

EXCUSED:

R. CERVONE	E. FELDER	P. LI
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ABSENT:

F. BROWN	E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	C. PETERSEN
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GUESTS:

J. BURKHART – REP. FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES
K. MUIR – REP. FROM CAMBA

*****MINUTES*****

Presentation and discussion with representative for the Department of Homeless Services on the Mayor’s recent Emergency Declaration and Open-ended Request for Proposals process for reviewing and bringing new shelter bed capacity online. Presentation will also include an overview of the City’s shelter system, prevention efforts and the Rental Assistance Program.

Jason Burkhart of DHS made a presentation on emergency shelter needs.

Emergency declaration – 7-day notice, goes through the RFP process normally. NYC is unique because we have the right to shelter.

- Call or meet with Councilmember
- Let Community Board know 7 days before.
- 6 months in community and re-evaluate for RFP – long-term shelter study.
- Open-ended RFP also available.

There are 246 stand-alone shelters in the five boroughs – moving into Queens – small # of shelters.

Tell Queens there are certain to not site shelters near schools. \$1 billion budget for shelter financial management, job training.

A discussion prevailed around community concerns regarding the short announcement process and wanting a longer lead time for communities to be involved in the process.

Kevin Muir from CAMBA spoke about Medicaid redesign and Health Plans. Started at focusing on HIV and AIDS – as a #1 health concern. No focusing on Medicaid redesign.

Medicaid Redesign

- NY spends \$55 Billion each year on Medicaid – more than any other state.
- Led to redesign of Medicaid-reform delivery system of health care in NYS.
- Trying to reduce “available” hospitalizations by 25%
- Want to redirect people who don’t need emergency care to primary care.
- There are 3 pots of funding that resulted from Medicaid redesign.
- We can use our health care dollars better than investing in hospital beds.

The three pots of funding are outcome based.

Health Homes – rolled out in 2011/2012 to provide care management to people with chronic health conditions including mental health and substance abuse. These are growing linkages with shelters.

Health Home Goals

1. Reduce utilization associated with available in-patient stays.
2. Reduce utilization associated with avoidable emergency room visits.
3. Improve outcomes for persons with mental illness or substance abuse.
4. Improve disease-related care for chronic conditions.

Brooklyn has one of the most critical situations regarding hospitals in the long run.

A motion was made to adjust the minutes of the last meeting held on October 22, 2014 to reflect that Robert Underwood was present at that meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

***It was requested that a contact list be shared with all YHSE committee members with names and e-mail addresses so that committee members can contact each other individually.**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned.