

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Health & Social Services Committee Meeting
November 5, 2025

Attendance: (Board Members) Francisca Leopold; Lisa Etienne

Attendance: (Resident Members) None

Absent: (Board Members) Bakary Tandia

Absent: (Resident Members) Abigail Donley; Breanne Kaiser; Karimah Griffin; Normalizwe Byndon; Richardeanea Theodore

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.
2. Minutes
 - a. Minutes were reviewed from the prior CB9 Health & Social Services Committee meeting but not accepted due to lack of quorum.
3. Holiday Toy and Toiletry Drive for Family Shelter Residences
 - a. Purpose:
 - i. Donate toys and essential toiletries for families residing in shelters during the holiday season.
 - b. Requested Items:
 - i. Toys for ages 0+ (all genders).
 - ii. Toiletries including toilet paper, toothpaste, lotion, and soap.
 - c. Tasks:
 - i. Obtain a list of shelters located in CB9.
 - ii. Reach out to shelters on Rogers Avenue to confirm donation acceptance and schedule December drop-off dates/times.
 - iii. Determine feasibility of sending a board-wide donation request email.
 - iv. Announce the Holiday Toy and Toiletry Drive at the 11/20/2025 CB9 General Board meeting.
 - v. Coordinate logistics and planning for donation drop-offs.
4. Proposed Initiatives
 - a. Senior Center and Recreation Center Speaker Series

- i. Identify topics of interest for senior residents (e.g., Medicaid/Medicare policy updates).
 - ii. Compile a list of Senior Centers and Recreation Centers in the CB9 district.
 - b. Senior Center and Recreation Center locations identified for outreach consideration:
 - i. Shalom Senior Center
 - ii. St. Gabriel's Senior Center
 - iii. Christopher Blenman Senior Center
 - iv. Fenimore St Senior Citizens Center
 - v. Heart to Heart
 - vi. Ebbet's Field
 - c. Adopting a Senior Center & Recreation Center
 - i. Plans to discuss potential support opportunities for senior and recreation centers experiencing limited resources.
- 5. Budget Discussion
 - a. Chair will submit a \$5,000 budget request for committee-related expenses (including transportation, food, etc.).
- 6. Next Steps
 - a. Prioritize initiatives for upcoming committee planning efforts.
 - b. Develop community engagement strategies related to accessible social services.
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.