

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

Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
March 6, 2025

Attendance (Board Members): Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair;

Attendance (Resident Members): Carol Bartley; Karimah Griffin

Absent (Board Members): Bakary Tandia

Absent (Resident Members): Yosef Heintz; Dr. Jacqueline Love; Ann Volney-Ross; Charlene Wiggins

Guests: Guenor Destine; Billi Martin

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

- 1) #1 Welcome. Meeting begins at 7:06 pm
- 2) Approval of January 2025 committee meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes approved with 2 corrections: Member Bakery Tandia had an approved absence; Resident member Volney-Ross's name was corrected.
- 3) Ice breaker question: "What would you have changed or done differently since the beginning of the year?"
- 4) Community check-in with Youth and Adult Services Committee member B. Martin.
 - a. The Member informed the committee that an educational town hall geared towards both parents and professionals will be taking place on April 5, 2025, at Clara Barton HS; this event will also be live-streamed. Career Fair for ages 14-21 postponed until April 2025, not 3/14/25. The event planners are currently looking for vendors
- 5) Senior Wellness Day is scheduled for June 11, 2025
 - a. Location: East New York Ave between Kingston and Albany Ave. The rain date is June 12th. The event will be a collaboration with NYS Assemblyman Cunningham, HHC Kings County Hospital, and Downstate Medical Center. Permits have been obtained, and the following activities have been scheduled: kids entertainment, Seniors Spa Day, along with yoga, massages, and manicures. CB9 members are encouraged to attend the ongoing planning meetings for the event; These meetings will be virtual.
- 6) Mental Health Awareness Forums: will meet next week for continued discussion; Men's Day in November will include clergy
- 7) Presentations
 - a. American Cancer Society, Julianne Roman, Associate Director for Community Partnerships, C5.
 - i. March is Colorectal Awareness Month. Vital statistics about the prevalence of Colorectal Cancer, along with risk and lifestyle factors, were shared with the committee. Colorectal cancer screening tests were discussed

along with recommended guidelines for follow-up. Additional cancer information, such as websites, 24-hour hotlines, and community resources, was provided enrollment information regarding a new health study, “Voices of Black Women” was shared with the group. Black women aged 25-55, with no history of cancer and living in one of the enrollment states, are encouraged to share their health-related insights.

- b. Start Care-Madeline O’Neill, Director of Strategic Programming for a behavioral healthcare and research agency. Information was shared regarding the organization’s substance abuse treatment and recovery centers, with 6 locations and three located in Brooklyn. Services provided include mental health services for teen opioid treatment programs, REACH intensive outpatient program(treatment for co-existing substance and mental health disorders), and community-based anti-stigma education. 2026 Mobile medication unit(MMU) proposal to provide opioid treatment program services to people with opioid use disorder in residential care facilities. The program's next steps will incorporate connecting with potential partner facilities and prioritizing this service to Crown Heights community members. The goal is to keep the community board and residents informed of the timeline for the MMU launch.
- 8) Reminder to committee members to utilize the group WhatsApp Chat to share concerns, ideas, information, and stay connected
- 9) Adjournment
 - a. 8:11 pm