



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Health & Human Services Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: November 7, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano
Diane Peruggia
Vincent Bonomi
Harold Kozak
Verna Lauria
Dennis McKeon

Committee Members Absent

Claire Atalla
Patricia Conway
Jessica Francese
Carmine Gualtieri

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *Interim District Manager*
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Michelle Chen, Hunter College Student

Public Contact

None

Agenda

Community Board 3 Member Dennis McKeon, Executive Director of Where-to-Turn, a 501 C-3 non-profit agency that began in the wake of 911 after the loss of 29 parishioners from St. Clare's. Dennis created 'First Steps of Recovery' and started counseling groups. The Robinhood Foundation was impressed with Dennis and his work and offered to assist in the formation of his non-profit. Today, the NYC Council also supports this organization through discretionary funding. Services are provided to all 5 boroughs.

Some of the services Where-to-Turn offers are...

- Graffiti clean-ups
- Weed Cutbacks
- Litter clean-ups
- Prom Dresses for High School girls and seniors
- Senior Prom for seniors at New Dorp HS
- Prop Shop for Theatre Groups
- Snow shoveling for seniors
- E-Waste pick-ups for seniors
- Annual Toy Drive

Where-to-Turn is located at 22 Brienna Court, (718) 966-6531, or email dennis.mckeon@where-to-turn.org

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Peruggia".

Diane Peruggia, Chairperson