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

DATE: April 1, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Diane Peruggia, *Chair*

Vincent Bonomi

Frank Fontaino

Dennis McKeon

Paul Sanders

Naeem Sheikh

Committee Members Absent

Claire Atalla

Patricia Conway

Jessica Francese

Harold Kozak

William Marco

Board Members Present

Thomas Barlotta

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *Interim District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Jennifer Horsley, Executive Director, St. John's Residence

Public Contact - None

Agenda

Jennifer Horsley, Executive Director, spoke about St. John's Residence, located in Rockaway Park, Queens. Since 1886, St. John's Residence has been providing holistic and strengths-based residential treatment, education, and care to youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system. This program is part of an initiative of "Close to Home". This program promotes family involvement by providing a facility in geographic proximity to the family to facilitate frequent visits. St. John's Residence runs a program on Staten Island for girls 12-19 years of age. An individual would enter this facility after having been arrested, adjudicated, and is serving a maximum sentence of 18 months. She would be in this facility for about 12 months. Some key elements of the program include:

- Individual Therapy
- Group and Family Therapy
- Nurses and Psychiatrists
- District 79 School on site
- Gym and Recreation area
- Continued support after leaving facility
- Opportunities for learning new skills and trades

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Respectfully submitted,

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

Diane Peruggia, Chairperson