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## **Health & Human Services Committee**

Monday, October 15, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Hon. Hazel Dukes, Chair

Hon. Michelle Booker, Vice Chair

Date: Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

### **Attendance:**

Present: Hazel Dukes, Michelle Booker, Troy Getters, Makeda Thompson, Cicely Harris, Leevert Holmes, Donna Gill

Excused: Christina Curry, Karen Dixon, Deborah Yates

Absent: Barbara Nelson, Melvin Christian

### **Guests:**

- Warren Thomas discussed his Pharmacy Chain
  - Is located at 155 W. 145<sup>th</sup> Street on Lenox Ave., and has been around for 15yrs
  - Specialize in client relationship and partner with Hospitals and Senior Centers
- Howard Hesson is a representative from Fun1st organization informed us of their health initiatives and programming to address systemic health issues for children such as obesity and diabetes. Fun1st provides athletic activities, nutrition awareness classes, and mindfulness programs for students, teachers and the community in public schools.  
[www.Fun1st.org](http://www.Fun1st.org).
  - The Dept of Education mandates 2 hours of fitness per week, so Fun1st works to provide additional fitness activities.
  - Fun1st services schools that are struggling.
  - Fun1st employs certified fitness teacher, behavioral health worker, nutrition specialist, and certified yoga instructor.
- Ms. Nixon suggested that HPD should convert abandon buildings to affordable housing, so families have a place to live and that rents vary in the boroughs, Bronx, Queens and Manhattan.
- 116<sup>th</sup> Street Harlem Neighborhood Association, came to address the issues of Sanitation
  - Discussed that when you see garbage, call 311 so it can be logged
  - The young people at the meeting suggested that the playground in Mt. Morris Park needs to be repaired.
  - The Scaffolding on 123<sup>rd</sup> Street was taken down, Dr. Dukes reached out to the Mayor's Office.
- Other Issues Raised:

- 110<sup>th</sup> Street is dealing with a surge of homelessness and drug use
- The 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct and 28<sup>th</sup> Precinct are trying to address the issue
- Although, CB10 has brought a moratorium on these services for this population, newer entities are going to the State to get licensing.
- CB10 Area has over 13 centers, we need more innovative wrap-around services to help people to wellness and self-sufficiency
- We need to meet with the Commissioner of Sanitation to address daily garbage pick-ups the removal of trash-cans. The 2014 data is outdated, and Harlem has more traffic from tourists, the increase restaurants in the area, Wholefoods, etc., which is impacting the increase garbage in the district.