

**COMMUNITY BOARD SIX
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

PRESENT:

J. BERNARD	L. HILL	M. KOLMAN
Y. ROMAN	M. RUIZ	M. SCHMIDT
B. SOLOTAIRE	G. O'CONNELL	

EXCUSED:

L. CIRANDO	L. HOROWITZ	S. TURET
D.C. VITO		

ABSENT:

E. FELDER	M. HEYER	C. MURRAY
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GUESTS:

S. MCDONALD	N. BERGER	C. JOHNSON
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***** MINUTES *****

Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm, there was a quorum.

Presentation by Sandra McDonald of Cancer Services Program of Central Brooklyn.

The Cancer Services Program provides screenings for uninsured Brooklyn residents. For Women ages 40 and up they provide Pap tests and pelvic exams, and for men and women ages 50 and up they provide take home colon cancer tests (FIT Kits). The group is a state funded organization that is connected to SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center, LICH, and First Medicare Inc. They have been in existence since November 2010.

To receive exams you have to be a NYS resident and eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. They service Brooklyn but also have partnerships in Manhattan and the Bronx. Post exam they can supply case management and connect clients with treatment services.

The group has serviced 200-300 people since November and needs to hit a target of 700-800 by the end of March to insure continued levels of funding. The board provided them with several places to go including The Fortune Society, and the Red Hook Health Initiative among others.

Presentation by Chris Johnson of Horizons Leadership Project.

Horizons Leadership Project was a group begun by Mr. Johnson in the early 1990s that was quite successful for several years until it stalled out in 1998 due to a change in leadership, the lack of a strong board, and being an all-volunteer group. At its height it had serviced around 400 youths in Brooklyn. Several years ago Mr. Johnson realized there was still a need for the services of a group such as Horizons Leadership project and began work to resurrect it. Last summer they ran their first program with 14 young men.

To quote their brochure "The primary goal of the Horizons academic program is to support the young people in the efforts to excel in their classroom, while establishing and achieving their

goals in school and after graduation”. The program was centered on a basketball team but included extensive workshops in study skills, time management and crisis resolution.

Admittance to the program is based on a full-scale intake interview, there is no income requirement (though all other factors being equal those of lesser income would have preference), and standards in GPA and school attendance have to be maintained to stay in the program. They plan on servicing Middle School through High School.

This time around the group is working to establish a strong board, having a paid staff and regaining their 501(C) 3 status. They requested a Letter of Recommendation from the committee by March 9th. We requested information they wanted to specifically be addressed and Mr. Johnson agreed to forward to the committee. The Committee agreed to give them a Letter of Recommendation.

Presentation by the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation by Jacqueline Kennedy-Saddler, Naomi Berger, and Florence Marc-Charles.

This was not on our agenda but they came by with an interest in partnering with CB 6.

The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation runs a Nursing Home, an Adult Day Care Center, and a Long Term Care Facility.

The Long Term Care Facility takes patients 75 and older for in-service and homecare. They are a NYS funded program that has been in existence since 1997. They take Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

The Adult Day Care group for people 18 and older though most patients are older. They take Medicaid and private pay. They provide services such as breakfast and lunch, nurses, social services, games, activities, a gym and trips around the city for 5-6 hours a day. They didn't present about the Nursing Home Services.

Committee Business:

James Bernard brought up the neighborhood issue of the lack of enforcement of cleaning up after your dog. People are more often ticketed for public drinking than not picking up after their dogs. (that was a personal perception not a scientific statistic). After some discussion the committee would like to have representatives from the Dept of Health, the Dept of Sanitation and the 78th Precinct for a hearing on this matter.

There was a request by several committee members to have more advance notice of meetings. It was requested that the reminder phone call go out at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings if not several days

The minutes were approved by a quorum, all ayes, with the amendment of the addition of committee member Megan Schmidt as excused.