FY 2019 Borough Budget Consultations
Manhattan - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Meeting Date 9/20/2017

AGENDA ITEM 1: General Agency Funding Discussion:
The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to provide Community Boards with important information to assist in drafting their statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As you know, Community Board Members are volunteers who may not be familiar with the budget process and how agencies’ programs are funded. At the same time, Community Board members are very knowledgeable about local service needs.

This year’s Manhattan agendas have Agencies begin the consultation with a presentation of their goals, funding decision process, and highlights of their funding needs.

Then, the agenda continues with Community Boards asking about specific program funding.

Lastly, the agendas include Boards’ requests on district-specific budget questions. We request that the agency respond in writing, but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

For the General Agency Funding Discussion, please provide written responses and please be prepared to present on the following topics for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of our Consultation:

1. Explain the process the agency uses to formulate goals and budget priorities.

2. What are the current proposed FY18 and FY19 service and operational goals and proposed funding?

3. Which programs is the agency adding, dropping, or changing for FY18 and projected for FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:
1. DOHMH goals and budget priorities are an amalgam of mandated services and programmatic work that align with the core of our mission, protecting and promoting public health. Examples include:
   A. Detect and control infectious diseases
   B. Prevent chronic disease by promoting healthy behaviors and preventive health care
   C. Promote a safe environment

2. On average for the last several fiscal years, DOHMH overall budget has been approximately $1.6 billion annually

3. Nothing major dropped. Happy to discuss some upcoming programmatic additions

AGENDA ITEM 2: Capital Projects
Please provide a list of capital projects and their funding for Manhattan for FY19 in addition to last years (FY18).

AGENCY RESPONSE:
Please see attached. This is what is currently projected
AGENDA ITEM 3: Facility Improvement Funding

How much funding has been allocated in FY18 for DHMH facility improvements in Manhattan? What is projected for FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Please see attached. This is what is currently projected.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Staffing

What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan? How do these staffing levels compare to staffing levels last year?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Please see attached 5 year comparison on staffing levels separated out between "enforcement" staff and "administrative" staff. We are unable to provide a borough level breakdown as a vast majority of enforcement staff routinely rotate among all five boroughs. This is to ensure equity in enforcement. The majority of administrative staff are housed at our main office in Long Island City, Queens but many work on city-wide initiatives. Please note that the staffing totals include the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), though they operate completely independent of DOHMH.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Education and Awareness Program Funding

What education and/or awareness programs were funding in FY18? Which of these programs will be funded in FY19? Are any of these programs new?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

FY18
- ThriveNYC- specifically promotion of NYC Well mental health support phone/text/online chat services
- Opioid overdose awareness and prevention as well as promotion of naloxone (OD-reversing) medication
- Promotion of “Stop OD NYC” (naloxone) mobile app
- HIV prevention, testing and treatment
- Zika- specifically awareness regarding traveling to Zika-affected areas
- Promotion of Neighborhood Health Action Centers
- Awareness of Safe Sleep practices for infants, in conjunction with ACS
- Promotion of sign up for health insurance, in conjunction with HRA and Mayor’s Office
- Awareness of the dangers of smoking
- Colon cancer awareness and promotion of colonoscopy

FY19
- ThriveNYC- specifically promotion of NYC Well mental health support phone/text/online chat services
- Opioid overdose awareness and prevention as well as promotion of naloxone (OD-reversing) medication
- ThriveNYC- specifically promotion of Mental Health First Aid trainings
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- Awareness of the dangers of smoking
- Awareness of negative health effects of drinking sugary sweetened beverages

None of these programs are new.
AGENDA ITEM 6: Lead Paint and Lead Dust Inspectors

HPD and the Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene have oversight with regard to lead paint in multi-family buildings. How many inspectors do HPD and DHMH have that specifically focus on lead dust issues in buildings undergoing renovation? Given the sharp increase in building permits being issued, and gut renovation of vacant apartments in occupied buildings, do HPD and DHMH plan to address the growing health risks of lead dust being disbursed by providing funding for more inspectors specifically assigned to testing for lead in multi-family buildings undergoing renovation? Is this program administered by HPD or DHMH?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DOHMH Healthy Homes Program (HHP) responds to complaints of unsafe renovation work creating potential lead dust hazards in residential buildings with a child less than 18 years. We do not have a dedicated staff to perform these complaint inspections, rather all of our lead poisoning inspection staff are trained to perform these inspection along with other types of lead inspections. We have seen an increase in complaints about unsafe work related to renovation and do our best to respond in a timely manner.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Mental Health Outreach Funding

Please describe additional funding, if any, allocated for FY18 and FY19 for mental health outreach to homeless. What are the benchmarks to determine effectiveness?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DOHMH provides $6.5M in annual funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health to the Department of Homeless Services via intra-City Memorandum of Understanding. DHS incorporates this funding into their homeless outreach contracts and is responsible for contract oversight, including program performance measurement. Of the ~$6.5 million in funding, about 50% is allocated to the Manhattan Outreach Consortium.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Funding the Top 3 Health Concerns

How much funding is allocated to the top 3 health concerns in Manhattan? How is the funding distributed and used to address the most pressing health concerns for NYC?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

When it comes to addressing the top health concerns, much of the work and allocation of resources and funding is programmatic based. Therefore, a break out of work specifically performed in a borough is not a true reflection of the allocation of services and funding.

In general, much of our funding goes to internal programs that maybe provide direct services in communities. DOHMH also has a very robust RFP and contracting process to engage community organizations with access to public funds on programmatic work.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Advertisement Funding

What is the current and projected funding level for advertisements in Manhattan? How do this compare to last year?

AGENCY RESPONSE:
DOHMH does not have a borough level break down of advertising funding levels.

Total media spending for FY17 was over $27 million

Total media spending for FY16 was over $15 million

**AGENDA ITEM 10 : Community Board Support**

What budget priorities would DHMH like the Community Boards to support?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

DOHMH would like to stress that Community Boards look at all initiatives and planning within the community with a health lens. It is important that health topics be maintained in day to day conversation because the lives of your communities and constituents are at stake.

Emergency preparedness and response should also be considered when it comes to public health emergencies, potential disease or pathogen outbreak investigations, mass prophylaxis and community outreach.
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Comparison of Enforcement VS. non-Enforcement DOHMH Employees over last 5 Fiscal Years

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* - % difference in employee count from previous fiscal year
Note: DOHMH active staff figures for fiscal years illustrated above include OCME staff.
August 24, 2017

Lester Siegel  
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New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Siegel:

This letter confirms that the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene will participate in the upcoming FY2019 budget consultations scheduled in September and October 2017.

As requested, enclosed is the NYC DOHMH Policy Statement along with a list of attendees who will represent the Agency at the Borough Consultations.

Scheduled attendees include:

Bronx
- Director of Community Affairs – Ricky Wong  
- Bronx Community Liaison – Meiling Viera

Manhattan
- Director of Community Affairs – Ricky Wong  
- Manhattan Community Liaison – Pauline Ferrante

Queens
- Director of Community Affairs – Ricky Wong  
- Queens Community Liaison – Chae No

NYC DOHMH Policy Statement

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) protects and promotes the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. The Department develops and implements robust public health education activities and policy recommendations, enforces health regulations and provides limited direct health services.

The Department works to ensure that conditions for good health – both available, sustainable, high-quality services and efficient, effective systems – flourish in New York City.

DOHMH seeks to reduce death and disability from chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer by reducing smoking and the consumption of unhealthy foods and by promoting physical activity. It contracts for mental health, developmental disability, as well as alcohol and substance use disorder treatment services. It works with health care providers to improve healthcare delivery and to increase use of preventive services, such as immunizations, and it collaborates with community-based organizations to prevent, detect and treat HIV infection.
The Department's Early Intervention Program serves infants and toddlers with developmental delays. Direct services are provided at four tuberculosis clinics, eight sexually transmitted disease clinics, one immunization clinic, and more than 1,200 public schools.

DOHMH issues birth and death certificates, inspects restaurants and child care centers and protects public safety through immediate response to emergent public health threats such as the Zika virus. The Department’s Neighborhood Health Action Centers work to reduce health disparities in the City’s highest need neighborhoods.

Focus on Equity

The cornerstone of the Department’s efforts to address disparities and advance health equity is at the Center for Health Equity. The Center focuses much of its attention on New York City’s communities of color and low-income neighborhoods, which bear a disproportionate burden of poor health. Its four key areas of focus are: leveraging neighborhood assets to better integrate public health and primary care; fostering inter-agency collaboration to address the root causes of health disparities; ensuring meaningful community engagement and increasing the agency’s organizational capacity to advance health equity.

The Center for Health Equity strengthens the Department’s place based efforts via its three Neighborhood Health Action Centers, previously called District Public Health Offices. The Neighborhood Health Action Centers are part of New York City’s plan to better link residents in neighborhoods with disproportionately high rates of chronic disease and premature death with local clinical and community services. The Action Centers enable community-based organizations and Health Department staff to work together to advance neighborhood health.