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Health, Human Services, Immigration & Seniors Committee February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm Board Office

Present: D. Quinones, L.Gonzalez, R. Concepcion, W. Ferriera, R. Ferriera, M. Rahman, J. Abdullah

Absent: C. Diaz

Excused: R. Strashun

1. Announcements

- a. A public hearing on the FY 2018 Preliminary Budget during its Full Board meeting on February 21, 2017.
- b. Impact of Gentrification on Health Abstract submitted to the American Public Health Association. Anna -Luisa Mirto who conducted the Impact of Gentrification on Health Survey has submitted the project as an abstract to the American Public Health Association and listed Debbie representing the Health Committee as one of the co-authors along with Ann-Gell Polermo from the East Harlem Community Health Committee. There was a call today about the survey and next steps with expansion to other Community Boards and perhaps a community forum that would line up with the committee work to engage the community.

2. Discussions

- a. Accomplishments in 2016
 - i. Collaboration with CB10 to work on the on Homelessness Forum.
 - ii. Know Your Rights Community Clinic was held on 1/19/17 at the Johnson Center.
 - iii. Spirit of Services scheduled for 4/29/17
- b. Committee Goals for 2017
 - i. Repeat the Know Your Rights Community Clinic
 - ii. Work to promote more policy and community engagement with elected officials.
 - iii. Explore developing a Take Action page on CB site. March meeting will be a planning session
- c. Review and discussion on FY 2018 Preliminary Budget

Many of the responses to items identified by the committee had the same response that the agency will try to accommodate these issues within existing resources. The committee has requested more information about implementation and status of work. The items identified for budget increases were 08, 41,47and 63.

More Information

Priority Ranking	Tracking Code	Project Information
11	311201811E	Create of promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.
08	311201808E	Create programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment
11 58	311202811E 311201858E	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity etc.
15	311202815E	Address Air quality issues
23	311202823E	Assign more no-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services
36	311202836E	Reduce rat populations Rat Academy update
41	311202841E	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families
53	311202853E	Committee wants an update on signage.
62	311202862E	Other animal and pest control Trap Neuter and Release
Request Budget Increase		
08	311201808E	Create programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment
41	311202841E	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families
47	311202847E	services throughout the boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or

		commence new initiatives
63	311202863E	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services
Change 04 to Expense	311202804E	
Policy 61	311202861E	

3. Old Business

- a. Know Your Rights Review – What went well. What would we change. Lessons learned and next steps. This was the first one and while the event was not well attended but provided an opportunity for the agencies to network. Outreach strategy needs to be revised. The committee would like to explore repeating the event
- b. Spirit of Service – The site has been secured but there is concern about the size and use of the school yard that can be impacted by the weather. To date there are 18 groups that have signed up and a participation schedule will be drafted for community based organizations, providers and schools to ensure participation. Debbie will reach out to larger sites as a backup.

4. Policy Discussion

Statement template review – Mahfuzur drafted a resolution template for the committee to review and use as rapid response tool on policy to comment on the recent Executive Orders. The committee members have raised concerns about travel restrictions that target Muslims, efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the removal of restrictions on coal mining companies and the recent deportations by ICE in NYC.

CB Website Action Alerts Notifications I.e. Huddles, Indivisibles, ACLU - Tables

5. New Business

Policy Action Agenda Platform (PAAP) – Tabled
 Committee direction, accomplishments and next steps – Next month

Manhattan Community Board Resolution Template Draft

The Community Board Resolution template will be used as rapid response tool for the Health Committee and other committees to comment on policies that are found to violate, threaten the or impact the rights of citizens.

Community Board Resolution on Executive Order (EO)

“Protecting the nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States”

Whereas, during times of political and social unrest, the role of government bodies and agencies such as the Community Board, play a critical role as the vanguard in reassuring and informing our community; and is mandated by the Charter of the City of New York to review and comment on the needs of the district.

Whereas East Harlem has been the crossroads for immigrants throughout its rich history, creating the distinct neighborhoods and cultural outlets that are still celebrated today. The community residents reflect and

Whereas, recent actions taken by the President threaten sanctuary cities, like New York, with the potential of losing federal funding

Whereas, CB 11 affirms it zero tolerance for any acts of racism, prejudice, and discrimination especially when motivated by religion, race, gender and immigration status.

Therefore, be it resolved, CB 11 supports the 9th Circuit Court’s decision in rejecting the reinstatement of the EO, which had prohibited the immigration of people from Yemen, Syria, Somali, Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Sudan, recognizing the judicial supremacy of its duties as prescribed by the Constitution.

be it resolved, CB11 urges our all the district elected and Federal officials to use all tools at their disposal to provide resources and information to our immigrant community that echoes the position affirming that our city is a sanctuary city, meaning local law enforcement will not cooperate with federal immigration authorities, in particular programs such as IDNYC.

be it resolved, CB11 supports the work of the Department of Immigrant Affairs and calls for an increase of allocation of funds and budget for Fiscal Year 2018.