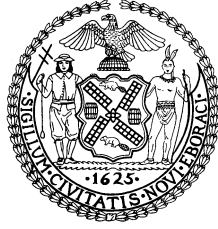


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HEALTH, SENIORS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street (Lexington-Park)
Michael Bruno Presentation Room
Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:30PM

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Jacqueline Ludorf, Barbara Rudder

Committee Members Absent: Lorraine Johnson, David Liston, Glen Pandolfino, Ellen Polivy, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa

Board Members Present: David Rosenstein

The meeting began at 6:45P

S. Kenneth F. Jones and John Crepsac, representatives from Ocean Recovery East made a presentation about the inpatient addiction recovery program. Ocean Recovery East has a proposal to begin operations at the 113 East 60th Street location.

Ken Jones, John Crepsac along with Kathy Tunney presented the plans for bringing Ocean Recovery to the Upper East Side specifically at 113East 60th Street location. Ocean Recovery has spoken to several of the regulators in their field and to other experts in the field and all agree it would be good if there was an Ocean Recovery East. There are unlimited places for the indigent for care of drug abuse. While there are no high net worth facilities for people who have over used prescription drugs. These same people have more access to these drugs due to their affluence.

Ocean Recovery has already signed a lease and the community was very surprised and disappointed about this. The American Society of Addiction Medicine has said that there are 23 million Americans who have clinical dependency issues. Only 10% of these people receive treatment and the reason for this is that most of these people do not have places to go to.

Ocean Recovery has made several attempts to find a location on the upper-east-side. The first location did not allow for overnight stays, the second location at 164 East 64th Street wasn't properly zoned. The question arose regarding the fact that this facility was next to a school. The patients will be mostly opioid dependent patients. They will be admitted by a physician; however, there are no contingencies for visiting them while they are in the recovery facility anywhere from four to twelve days.

Another question arose about their Certificate of Occupancy. It was stated at the meeting that Community Board 8 would look into the matter because there is no current Certificate of Occupancy for this intended purpose.

They have applied for licenses that have not been approved yet. The lease will cost them \$61,800 per month. The public also wanted to know what approvals they will need. An M.D. is not required to be at the facility full time.

The community would like a different block for this program.

The payment for being in this recovery program will be a combination of insurance and net pay.

They have to be approved for a specific location. They have applied for licenses under the name of Ocean Recovery East. They would like to get a letter from the Community Board approve this application.

Basically, the community would like to keep their location as a residential area.

When asked what the purpose of this meeting is and what the next steps are, the chair responded that they could make a resolution. Unfortunately, since there were only three board members present at this Committee meeting it was decided that the community and the board would meet with the applicant in November where a resolution would be voted on at that time.

David Liston and Jackie Ludorf
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee