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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

HEALTH, SENIORS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 331 East 70th Street (First-Second) Auditorium Thursday, November 20, 2014 6:30PM

Committee Members Present: Jim Clynes, Jackie Ludorf, Ellen Polivy, Barbara Rudder **Committee Members Excused:** David Liston, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa **Public Members Present**:

Representatives from the Ocean Recovery East, Foundation for Hope (Ocean) came to speak about an inpatient addiction recovery program that costs between \$2,500- \$3,500 per patient per day. Ocean would like to be located at 30 East 60th Street, a building currently under construction.

Ocean Recovery has over a decade of providing unparalleled health care services in Newport Beach, California. Over a twelve year period Ocean Recovery has become synonymous with clinical excellence for the young adult and young professional. Their success treating the sons and daughters of successful people has resulted in a request for the same services on the East Coast. As a result Ocean recovery has partnered with industry leaders to form Ocean Recovery East in order to develop a world class recovery and wellness center this partnership leverages nearly a century of combined expertise in the treatment of high net worth families. Many of their partnering physicians and psychiatrists are eager to support this concept of an East Coast facility.

Additionally, Ocean Recovery East has consulted with key figures at the office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), The American Academy of Addiction Medicine (AAAP), and the American Academy of Pain Management (AAPM) who are all supportive of their efforts to increase quality access to their core demographic. All of the available research points to affluence and the access it provides as a major factor for prescription medication misuse and dependence. Currently, in New York City, there are many care options with those without insurance engaged in the use of street drugs, but there are no discreet and medically safe options facilities for the higher net worth individuals in need of prescription medication dependencies. They also said that many foreigners would find it convenient to have a place on the East Coast for medical drug dependencies.

When asked if they would give treatment for those who couldn't afford it; they said in the past they had fund raisers to support those who couldn't support the treatment cost. They expect to treat no more than 24 patients at any given time. All patients will be in residence for 4 to 12 days depending on their present clinical needs.

The cost for each patient will be \$2,500 - \$3,500 paid for by a combination of medical insurance and self-help. The staff will be between 8-10 recovery East staff on the premises at any given time. Patients will travel by car service provided by Ocean Recovery East. Staff will use public transportation or access parking on their own.

The following resolution was proposed and approved.

WHEREAS, the community was posted and yet no one from the community had any objections.

WHEREAS, this will be a small facility with no more than 24 patients at any given time and each of these patients will be at the facility for at least 4 days.

WHEREAS, this facility will have no impact on traffic as there will only be 10 staff members at any given time and all the patents will be brought to the premises by private car.

WHEREAS, there is no facility like this in the CB8 district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this application is approved.

Vote: 4-0-0 Clynes, Ludorf, Polivy, and Rudder

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