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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 Auditorium Tuesday, November 17, 2015 6:30PM

Committee Members Present: David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Lorraine Johnson, Ellen Polivy **Excused:** Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, Barbara Rudder

Jermaine Williams, Manhattan/Staten Island Borough Coordinator from the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) presented on the HRA's latest programs.

The New York City Human Resources Administration gives out funds to those who qualify for them in the City, HRA serves three million New Yorkers with essential services. Some of these programs are described below.

The Office of Child Support/Enforcement (OCSE)

OCSE Works with families to ensure that children receive financial support from both parents. Clients applying for or receiving public assistance benefits are automatically referred to (OSCE) for child support services. OCSE also helps the noncustodial parent find a job so they could pay back payments in arrears. Provisions for Burial Services

Provision will be made for burial assistance.

Reasonable Accommodations

Accommodations are made for disabled individuals who need help accessing HRA's programs and services. Examples of these services include flexible scheduling to avoid rush hour travel, priority appointments to minimize wait times at HRA offices and home visits

<u>Home Energy Assistance Program</u> helps low income homeowners and renters pay bills for heating fuel.

<u>Adult Protective Services (APS)</u> arranges for services and support for physically and mentally impaired adults who are at risk of harm. APS will develop a plan for obtaining Medicare and Home Care Services, SSI or Disability and referral to New York Police Department and District Attorney to address abuse.

<u>Office of Domestic Violence (ODV)</u> provides temporary housing emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) includes intensive case management and assistance in public benefits like SNAP and Medicaid, emergency transitional housing, homecare and Homemaking services and mental health and substance abuse screening.

THE Home Care Services Program (HCSP) provides access to a variety of Medicare-funded; long term care programs to help the elderly or disabled remain safely at home.

SNAP SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamp Program provides food support to low income people including working families and the elderly and the disabled to help them purchase food. There is also the emergency food assistance program where over 500 pantries and soup kitchens participate and where one can get a nutritious meal or food for the family. They also will give cash to people for such things as electricity they will pay a limited amount of funds for electricity, rent, etc.

All these funds have to be paid back if the individual should receive funds from a relative or win some funds as in a lottery.

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