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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee Meeting Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 331 East 70th Street, Auditorium December 11, 2012 6:30PM

Community Board members in attendance: Jacqueline Ludorf, Mary Pike, Ellen Polivy, Hattie Quarnstrom, Barbara Rudder, Molly Blayney Public Member in attendance: Jeffrey Ascherman

Agenda: Discussion of future meeting topics

Mary Pike introduced Jackie Ludorf as the new co-chair.

Mary discussed how things work better when we have meeting topics set up in advance.

Mary also discussed how calling 311 for food issues are often not answered properly. Mary also discussed the community resource guide that is on the CB8 website. Also is this accurate? What the committee needs to do is figure out how accurate this information is.

Molly Blayney also mentioned that many seniors/ disabled were not discovered during and after Hurricane sandy for several days .Mary Pike suggested that we search the literature for more information on this topic.

The Borough President has a senior resource guide and the suggestion was made to have someone from the BP's office come speak on the resource guide at a future meeting. Ellen Polivy said she would call the BP's office. Molly also brought State Senator Liz Kruger's resource guide. Molly said she would get a copy for the committee.

Mary then brought three topics up for future discussion. What the future rules for future shelter eligibility are. What is the status of the City's lawsuit? Mary suggested we hear from the coalition for the homeless first.

Another topic was to have the director of the women's shelter at the armory come speak to us. Eileen Polivy suggested that maybe we should pursue issues that needed changes in legislation and the HSSS committee could act on some of these suggestions. The committee suggested that it would be better for the committee if we could get resolutions to pass to the full board.

The third topic was the Executive Director for Hearing and Communications.

Then Jackie discussed some future topics. The status of Coler/Goldwater, and where patients of proposed Goldwater facility, that is closing, would be placed.. It was proposed that someone from HHC come speak to us along with representatives from Coler and Goldwater. In September a forum for Medicare was suggested, maybe in cooperation with elected officials. Lenox Hill legal department might also be used as a source of information. Finally Jackie proposed a session on bed bugs.

Molly suggested finding out more about seniors getting discounts on higher learning via the computer. Molly also suggested preparing cards for future meetings to hand out at senior centers. Mary suggested a future meeting to discuss how to advertise our meetings. Ellen suggested an questionnaire asking who would be interested in a future HSSS meeting.

Hattie suggested contacting other universities to find out about courses for seniors. These universities could also tell us how to access some of their on-line courses.

Finally Mary suggested dealing with ambulances in the city. How do we deal with this if we need one, what hospital do we go to etc. Molly also suggested 911 as a future topic, especially after the hurricane. We could possibly have a 911/311 topic. Molly said she would research this on the internet.

Submitted by: Jackie Ludorf