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The City of New York Community Board 8-Manhattan Women & Families Committee Meeting New York Blood Center Auditorium Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30 PM

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee chair to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Minutes

CB8M Members in Attendance: Gayle Baron, Lori Bores, Alida Camp, Rebecca Dangoor, Dori

Newman, Peter Patch, Peggy Price, Tricia Shimamura **Excused**: Vanessa Aronson, Sophia James, Barbara Rudder

1. The Urgent Need for More 3K Programs in CB8M—a joint issue with the Women & Families and the Youth, Education & Libraries committees.

Although the City began rolling out a program of 3K-for-All in 2017, the CB8M district still has a severe shortage of facilities providing free or low cost pre-kindergarten programs for 3-year olds. So far, the CB8 district has only one such program for the 2020-21 school year—at the Eisman Day Nursery at 1794 First Avenue. The latter programs will be at the Eisman Day Nursery and at the Lexington Children's Center at 115 East 98th Street Since enrollment for 3K for the 2020-21 school year ends April 24, the committees cited an urgent need to seek additional 3K programs for the coming school year for Manhattan's Upper East Side.

The committees unanimous passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas in 2017 Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his plan to roll out 3-K-for-All over the next four years; and,

Whereas this February Mayor de Blasio announced an expansion of 3-K from 12 to 16 community school districts, serving 26,000 children; and

Whereas 3-K programs remain severely limited in CB8M, since the district is scheduled to have only one facility offering 3K in the 2020-2021 school year; and,

Whereas 3-K programs are widely considered crucial to early childhood development and an essential benefit to working and non-working parents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan urges Mayor de Blasio to expand the number of pre-K programs for 3-year olds in the CB8M district in time for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

VOTE: 7-0-0

In favor: Gayle Baron, Lori Bores, Alida Camp, Rebecca Dangoor, Peter Patch, Peggy Price, Tricia Shimamura.

2. Concern about Sex Trafficking Proposals in Albany.

Three spokespeople with the group, New Yorkers for the Equality Model, discussed their concerns about proposed legislation in Albany that would totally decriminalize sex trafficking in this state.

Instead of that move, the NYEM is backing a separate proposal—expected to be introduced soon in Albany—that would partially decriminalize sex trafficking. That latter plan would maintain criminal penalties for those who profit from prostitution while repealing penalties imposed on prostitutes—those who have suffered from sex exploitation, the NYEM spokespeople said. In addition, the NYEM is calling for additional services to enable victims of sex trafficking to heal mentally and socially and to obtain a fulfilling life.

The committee urged the NYEM spokeswomen to present their position at the public session of a CB8 full board meeting and to keep the W&F Committee apprised of related legislation in Albany.

3. Paying for Long-Term Care: A Minnesota Model

The committee discussed how a much-touted plan in Minnesota might provide a model for paying for long-term care in New York State.

As described by a nationally known gerontologist, the Minnesota plan allows Medicare recipients to purchase an affordable long-term care insurance policy as part of their supplemental Medicare coverage. This plan is being closely monitored by those who provide services to the aging.

The committee's co-chairs will reach out to officials in Minnesota to learn more about this program and its applicability to New York State residents. Issues to be addressed include whether the Minnesota plan allows for coverage of pre-existing health problems; whether the program is available to those with Medicare Advantage plans as well as those with standard Medicare supplemental plans; and, the expected costs of this program. The committee will report its findings at the next W&F Committee meeting and will share them with state elected officials representing the Upper East Side.

4. Lactation Rooms in State Office Buildings in Albany

The office of State Sen. Liz Krueger has provided the Committee with a list (below) of lactation rooms in the state capitol building and legislative offices in Albany. The Committee also plans to obtain a list of such facilities at New York City government buildings.



P. Gayle Baron and Margaret Price, Co-Chairs