

**Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Health and Social Services  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**Attendees:**

Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair (via telephone),  
Rosemary Evering, CB9  
Desma Ross, CB9  
Amy Hendershot, Community Committee Member

**Absent:**

Tessa Hackett-Vieira, CB9  
Jennifer Liggins, Community Committee Member  
Sabrina J. Lewis, Community Committee Member  
Mary Rollerson-Blackett, CB9

**Visitors:** None

Meeting start at 7:00 pm

**Old Business**

**Census**

- A Census meeting will be held at the Brooklyn public library, Grand Army Plaza on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. HSS members will try to attend to find out the following:
  - Do they have fliers for distribution?
- HSS committee is spearheading census efforts in our community, our plan is to spread awareness to:
  - Churches, beauty salons, barber shops and community residents.
- The challenge is community resident distrust of census questions and hesitation to give their information, but it is important so that we can procure resources and funding for them, which is not possible if we are underrepresented
- This is a time sensitive project that starts in January

**Mental Health Training and Forum**

- HSS will work with Thrive NYC to provide two community mental health trainings one a two-day weekend (Saturday and Sunday) because of religious observance.
- The community will be informed of the training at the next general membership meeting

- HSS will be hosting a Mental Health awareness and Suicide Prevention Program for the community in conjunction with Kings County Hospital, Assembly member Diana Richardson, Senator Zellnor Myrie, and Council member Mathieu Eugene.

#### **Smoke Detectors**

- HSS will work with the American Red Cross to provide new smoke detectors to community residents - the batteries last 6 – 10 years and they have available for hearing impaired

#### **Maternal Health Awareness Forum**

- Continuation of our previous year programming to be held in August

#### **New Business**

- The HSS wants to partner with Public Safety Committee to provide Opioid Training
- Potential CPR training for the community
- Develop a tracking plan to see how many people we are serving each Fiscal Year
- In the summer we will host a community wellness day that includes blood pressure testing, Healthy cooking, Mammogram, etc.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Amy to look for census flier online, make form for smoke detector information gathering, reach out to PSC for joint Opioid Training
- Committee members will attend the census meeting on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Committee Chair will send the information via the what's app group
- Rosemarie will talk about the Thrive training at the next general board meeting
- Francisca to stop at the American Heart Association to ask about training

Adjourned at 8:30 pm