

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

**Health and Social Services Committee Minutes
October 10, 2019**

Attendees:

Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair	Rosemarie Evering, CB9 Board Member
Baptiste, CB9 Board Chair	Fred Karimah Griffin, Community Resident Member
Carmen Martinez, CB9 Board Member	Amy Hendershot, Community Resident Member
Desma Ross, CB9 Board Member	Sabrina J. Lewis, Community Resident Member
Mary Rollerson-Blackett, CB9 Board Member	

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

New Committee Projects

Community Health Forum / Mental Health Training

- The committee seeks to partner with Thrive NYC to offer mental health trainings in the community and seeks to increase general awareness and understanding while decrease community stigma around mental health issues with the goal of people seeking help and recognizing and helping others in their family/community etc. access mental health services.
- The committee proposed that two workshops are offered in early-mid November, prior to the holiday seasons, one on a Saturday and one on a Sunday to accommodate all community members' religious observations.
- The committee will work together to rebrand how we are advertising the training opportunities to reach community members who have a stigma towards mental health issues.
- Proposed outreach avenues include: churches, PTA, schools

Old Business

Maternal Health Awareness Forum - continued

- We will continue our efforts to bring access to information regarding maternal health rights to the community.
- Last year, the committee held a Maternal Health Awareness Forum in June, this year we will work with Diana Richardson

New Business

2020 Census Efforts

- In the 2010 census, CB9 residents had less than a 50% response rate on the census, which led to service provision that does not meet the needs of the community residents.
- A critical effort is underway from electives and Community Board 9 to get accurate representation on the 2020 census to increase services in the community.
- There is a short turn around window- the Census form is being release in January 2020.
- CB9 members will be responsible for getting the word out, crafting appropriate messaging being particularly mindful of immigrant communities in conjunction with other city agencies and Medgar Evers College.
- Proposals on the floor include: hosting workshops for community members and address their concerns (government having their information, immigration status, etc.), creating circulars for distribution at CB9 offices and in storefronts etc., a member of the health and social services committee attending a count committee workshop on October 21st and bringing information back to the committee.

Open Floor

Board of Elections Job Opportunities

- Opportunities for community residents to apply for a position with the Board of Elections, where ay is roughly \$2800 for ten days of work. Training will begin

Senior Services

- The Committee will look into doing another Senior Health Awareness forum in the future

Veterans

- The committee will look doing something for veterans in the future

Committee Calendar/ Other

- The committee will put together a calendar of health-related events for the next three months
- The committee will create a website for community residents to access information and resources

Adjourned at 8:25 pm