Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Meeting Minutes:
Health and Social Services Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2015

In Attendance:
Francisca Leopold – Committee Chairperson
Nicole
Amy Hendershot
Mary Rolas
Suki
Tessa Hackett-Vieira

Discussion: What can be done to enhance the quality of health services for seniors, youth, and the homeless population?

- Goals need to be set for 2016
- Start with community needs assessment
  - Document the quantity of senior housing in the neighborhood
  - Speak with residents to find out what they feel their needs are

- Seniors’ Needs:
  - Outreach programs
  - They don’t always recognize when they have health issues when they have other issues such as dementia
  - Health insurance (Medicare / Medicaid) not explained properly to them / understood
  - Lack of information around other issues (property taxes, etc.)
  - Need of recreation center

Goals: Focus on seniors with program to inform them about the many different programs available, (conduct workshops)

- Medicare workshops
- Want seniors to know that people still care about them and that they have a voice
- Maybe have seniors talk to counselors within the lobbies of their building
- Figure out how to best present information to them and what will grab their attention / what the “hot topics” are
- Contact AARP and have them do the presentation (need approval from Board 9)
- Begin outreach assessment for seniors who are not currently part of any senior citizen centers (target churches)
Next Steps:
- Get List of Senior Citizen Centers in district from Community Board 9
- Chose the first four we want to work with
- Call the center Directors and get possible dates after January, and find out what the needs are for topics, and if seniors that aren’t affiliated with the centers can come for the presentations
- Contact AARP and have them agree to come and present
- Contact social work students to try and get them to come and do needs assessment for those not in the centers

Next Meeting: Thursday October 1 (tentative)
- Francisca will put together list of Senior Centers
- Amy will contact community organizing class students at CUSSW and pitch the needs assessment to them (with approval from the Community BD.)
- At meeting: will decide which homes to target

Respectfully submitted
Francisca Leopold – Committee Chairperson
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