

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee Meeting
NYU School of Dentistry, Nursing & Engineering, 433 1st Ave, New York, NY, 10010 Rm.220.
September 12, 2017 – Start 6:35pm

Attendance:

Community Board Six Members:

Rajesh Nayar
Aissata Camara
Kathy Thompson
Carin van der Donk
Pamela Vassil
Claude L. Winfield

Public Member:

Sondra Leftoff

Excused:

Pedro Carrillo
Aaron Humphrey
Mary Silver

Guest(s):

Jennie Drossman – Goddard Riverside Community Center
Jesus Perez – District Manager, CB6
Brianna Mankey – Breaking Ground – MOC
Brendan Finnegan – Resident
Jennifer Bridge - Resident

- I. Presentation from Breaking Ground and Goddard Riverside Community Center which make up MOC: Manhattan Outreach Consortium. Breaking Ground covers 23rd to 59th Street and Goddard Riverside covers from 23rd to 14th Street in our Community District.

Goals of Outreach: forward facing to homeless, engage homeless with specialists, offer services, transport to shelter, conduct assessment, provide food and clothing, and seek to place into shelter.

Assessment for safety and medical treatment part of outreach process. Case manager assigned to clients. Permanent housing is ultimate goal. Safe Haven shelters are ideal for most of the chronic homeless due to fewer restrictions and rules within the Safe Haven. Supportive services are on site at Safe Haven shelters.

While primary goal is permanent housing, housing stock is limited. Mayor proposed 30,000 supportive housing units. As of meeting, about 5,000 would be open by end of year.

MOC keeps track of clients and those who turned down services. Will re-engage with those who do not want services.

311 either by phone or app on Android or Apple would be best way to alert Breaking Ground and Goddard regarding homeless assistance.

Breaking Ground team which Brianne runs has about 280 cases. After housing, will continue to follow up for 3 months to avoid recidivism. So far 92% success rate in placing clients in permanent housing

As for undocumented homeless, there are non-profits which can assist but same right to shelter for all.

Other programs: THRIVE NYC – for mental health in conjunction with Department of Health.

The Door – work with homeless students up to age 24.

Breaking Ground and Goddard revisit locations where clients were originally found because others may move into same areas.

MOC works with Neighborhood Community Organizations and NYPD Community Affairs.

Grand Central Partnership/Flatiron/34th Street Partnership (BIDS) works with Goddard Riverside.

MOC meets up 2 to 3 times a month to discuss next steps and steps to improve.

- II. Acting Chair Report: 17th Street Safe Haven scheduled for late autumn (as of date of meeting). Discussed the setting up of Community Advisory Board (CAB). Several Community Board members interested in being part of CAB. Acting Chair discussed summer meeting with Bowery Resident Community, Department of Homelessness, neighborhood associations, elected officials, and other stakeholders. Overall appeared those who attended were provided information regarding the Safe Haven.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm

Minutes by Rajesh Nayar