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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 9th, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

- I. May 20th Youth Mental Health Panel
 - A. The youth mental health panel, held on the Youth and Seniors Day of Bronx Week 2010, was successful and informative. The panelists were engaging and knowledgeable, and they had a productive dialogue with the audience.
 - B. The Committee will continue to hold an annual event during Bronx Week, and it will consider organizing additional events throughout the year. Although turnout was lower than expected, with 25 to 30 attendees, the Committee anticipates a growing audience in the future.
- II. LGBT Youth Issues
 - A. As part of LGBT Pride Month, the Youth Services Committee invited Tiq Milan of the Bronx Community Pride Center to speak about issues facing LGBT youth in the Bronx. Ms. Milan was delayed at another meeting and was unable to attend. The Committee will follow up with the Center to discuss ways that the Community Board can support LGBT youth.
- III. Community District Needs Statement for FY 2012
 - A. Committee members discussed issues that they felt should be included in the community district needs statement for fiscal year 2012. Frequently mentioned topics included gang violence, violent crimes unrelated to gang activity, and access to extracurricular programs.
 - B. The Committee will also ask for opinions from organizations in the district that work with youth, and those comments will inform the Committee's section of the needs statement.
- IV. Scope of the Committee in FY 2011
 - A. During the summer recess, Committee members are asked to reevaluate the scope of the Committee, particularly regarding which government agencies are monitored. Examples of services that could be reviewed more thoroughly include foster care, juvenile justice, services for homeless youth, and healthcare for youth.
 - B. Committee members are also asked to develop new strategies for engaging youth in the community directly and increasing youth involvement with the Committee and the Board.