

CB 9 HEALTH MEETING JAN 2020

Date : Monday JAN 6

Location: 18 Old Broadway

meeting starts: 6:45pm

present: Miriam, Heather, Jenny, Laquita, Edwin, Victor

late: Monica, Padmore

Guest: NYPD community division: 26th Det Harper & 30th precinct Det Melendez & Det. Tulio.

We Act member

1. Edwin: Welcome to committee, goals to have a healthier (mentally as well) community & environmental health. Help residents get to healthier status as we work with city agencies & stakeholders. Work together create a model whole city and whole state can emulate

2. Miriam: We give NYPD background why we invited them State giving \$ for "wrap around" treatment facilities like Argus, Lotus, location at Maison Hall all looking for locations in NOMA & CB9 (**we had emailed them prior to meeting this question: What is the 30th & 26th Precinct's perspective on heroin use/opioid overdoses in the neighborhood, particularly relative to other parts of Manhattan/NYC?**)

3. Guest Speakers Set Jason Harper, community affairs 26th precinct report:

- Opioid overdoses down, fatalities down (see separate report provided)

(non fatal, 2, compared to 8 in 2018)

911 calls in regards to opioids calls were up in 2018

- 2018 to 2019 reports opioid OD down

- Q: NYPD carries Narcan, not common for cops to use it,

- Q do you track calls where Naloxone is administered: only track NYPD when NYPD use not EMS, can find & track report

- the OD #'s include public housing (separate column)

- Fire Department will have separate #'s for EMS OD #'s

- not aware of an opioid crisis in there area

4. Guest Speaker: PO Mendez 30th precinct report:

- Total 17 OD, 1 fatal 2018, 2019 9 OD 3 fatal, : decrease in total but increase in fatalities

- 2020 already a fatality Jan 3 on 145st, but over all down

- Did not know what to run #'s on: certain buildings/areas have higher rates than other areas, "hot spots" (people vulnerable to suspicious activity, shelters, rehab, day clinics) we know about so we have better data on non hot spots. Work well with the security at those places but these are known as "hotspots" usually have more calls

- 5 little hot spots in area:

1. fortune society on RSD

2. 1649 Amsterdam Ave , rehab

3. 601 east 142st drug rehab

4. 898 St Nicolas Ave

5. not a resident 1727 Amsterdam Ave

- These locations have people lingering outside, but does not necessarily mean uptake in crime, or drug usage **NOTE: DID NOT PROVIDE DATA ON THESE SITES OWE CB9 DATA ON THIS.** NYPD knows about them though they stand out

- drug sales happening inside the spaces, indoors, fear no longer there with the NYPD policy more prevalent public drug use

- whole room comments on marijuana use everywhere.

- Edwin notes: no OD on cannabis, with cannabis, must start to differentiate from real drugs/ heroin. we need to report them differently not all narcotics created equal. Discussion . Marijuana is going to be decriminalized, NYPD & all must change point of view look at legal states. explains Fed, state, local policy drives policy change Fentanyl is not cannabis , you cannot OD from cannabis

OD is OD any drug.

NYPD: Drug sales are drugs, do not differentiate one from another all drugs

CB notes: Marijuana is not a narcotic. How are they going to classify things?

Back to report:

our Manhattan in general Low #'s compared to whole state data

- Manhattan North , comprised of 12 precincts from 59 st to 218st. as a whole :

• 2018 354 ODs, 66 of which fatal, 288 non fatal

• 2019 OD 185 decrease, fatal 23, non fatal 162

• these #'s cover from the 19-34th precinct.

• NYPD narcotics OD unit covering all OD but use our data

- Edwin points out hot spots to NYPD and why we are trying to understand community needs.

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- **NYPD: number of overdoses is down citywide**
 - **Q are precincts talking about strategies manage additional treatment centers:** They cannot, they are reactive they have to wait for an issue to happen to plan.
 - **Q are you alerted a new facility coming?** No they find out via community board
 - **NYPD never informed of or by Argus or any other facility**
 - **Heather noted at 2 meetings with Sugar Hill neighbors association where she was present it was asked to Argus to include NYPD data on OD, NYPD confirms Argus has never reached out to them.**
 - **Q community affairs day to day what is your role?** liaison between community and precinct
 - **Invite us to attend monthly NYPD community meetings 1st of month thursday 7pm**
 - **Q anything you might see causing decrease in OD: no**
 - **Q: what role is fentanyl playing in Manhattan? how do we stop that**
- honest do not have the answers. cant say if its heroin or fentanyl. hospital has records
- **Q from Youth & Education issues with Grant and Manhattanville fear. Issue?** Its not as big as it used to be comes and goes, "3 stacks" from Grant & Manhattanville
 - **Programs**
 - **Talk about Barnard incident, Tessa majors, youth attackers were all from students of PS 180,**
 - **Youth robberies up in general: why?**
 - CB notes We need to work with Columbia to create programs to help out youth to avoid incidents
 - **Steps on 135st. St Nicolas, no lighting, St. Nicolas Park , park side at night is robbery prone. DOT responsible for lights.**
 - **Q Can NYPD ask or better lighting on park side? yes**
 - Morningside park security cameras, Columbia installed & monitors them. When they are installed in parks no-one is monitoring and data retrieved cannot help at time of incident
 - public member comment on lack of information on programs available at Columbia historically. Something better has to be done with all the money and brain power needs to be better a lab a brain trust. Its happens but not enough.
 - Need to talk about the future lets talk to those affected.
 - Pals and explorers programs good, issues few and far between, no PAL center. 125st Cajuga center could have been a PALS center
 - Policing methods take one step forward and 3 steps back because we do not have active engagement. PALS budget is police foundation, PS 180 has no resources. No people . Title one school parents overwhelmed, not ready to be parents. Students have no resources, Police
 - comment/ suggestion from Ford foundation: vs looking at issues separately have those convos and where they overlap (health issues, poverty, legal, youth, see where circle overlap and deploy resources holistically.
 - Need to support families more
 - comment: get health & OD data by age? Our youth is taking pills and smoking marijuana and drinking.
 - comment: self medicating why: to deal with stress of life
 - **ending conversation: We could use a youth/family resource & support center. its seems the bigger problem is our community is our youth & families dealing with poverty and many stressors associated with it impacting their health & mental wellness , opioids and over doses are not our main health problem**

Columbia / CBA:

research project \$: A year ago our priority was drug prevention research what do we want to do now?

- Victor shared Health items from CBA
- CUNY allows us to go to gym (membership??), Columbia? is there a way to become a member?
- Dental van is happening- online, ALL Share with school districts, church groups etc to reserve 3 months in advance
- environmental concerns/ requirements: we have not addressed.
- **Suggestion: Columbia add all CBA items on the new Neighborhood link from Columbia add CBA updates add hyper links to annual reports and where you can get services**
- **Can we also ask for data on their new site Neighborhood link, who is using it how often...**
- **Columbia needs to get out into community more , not enough awareness**

General Comments:

- We Act doing a Healthy Homes working group kick off meeting Jan 16 6-8pm

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- NYCHA resident recd' Lead in apt notices
- priorities? seems more health related issues with our Youth than we thought: vaping, mental health
- A lot more education needed to help people make better, healthier decisions
- Go see Arcadia Earth a lot of information
- proposals to submit on template Laqulta provided: 1. VAPING FORUM partner with Mark Levine, 2. Cannabis medical education update
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