

SUMMARY REPORT

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EVENT: Recovery Talks: Community Listening Forum

DATE: 05.30.2018

LOCATION: Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York

ACTIVITY: Forum for individuals and family members
on alcoholism/drug addiction

COORDINATOR: Allison Weingarten, LMSW, FOR-NY Policy Director

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About Our Event Activity...

Executive Summary

The Bronx Council on Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders, the Alumni Association of New York State, the Coalition for Behavioral Health and Friends of Recovery - New York co-sponsored the FOR-NY Recovery Talks Community Listening Forum. It was the 20th in a series of local forums being held across New York State to provide community members the opportunity to share their personal experiences with legislators, law enforcement and other leaders in dealing with alcohol and drug addiction, the loss of a family member or friend, as well as recovery from addiction.

Category Public Policy **Number of participants** 58

Purpose

- Provide a safe space for individuals and families in recovery to voice their experiences around addiction, loss and recovery.
- Help individuals and families overcome the stigma that prevents many people from seeking help.
- Engage the community in a productive discussion with local leaders that allows for more effective policies on addiction/recovery.

Satisfaction Summary (Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent...)

Overall ease of event: 3

Overall satisfaction with outcome: 5

Value to Recovery Community: 5

Recommend Repeat of Event (Y/N): Y

Agenda and Participants

- 3:00 pm** **Welcome:** Luis Laboy, Director, Bronx Council on Alcohol and Substance Use Services
Stephanie Campbell, Executive Director, FOR-NY
- 3:10 pm** **Moderator:** Allison Weingarten, Director of Policy, FOR-NY
- Panelists:** Michael Bosket, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Social Services; Kenneth Brown, District Manager, Community Board 5; Mariel De La Cruz, Bronx Representative for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer; Zoraida Diaz (NYC Regional Director) and Gideon Rabino (NYC Regional Coordinator), NYS OASAS Regional Office; Roy Kearse, VP of Recovery Services, Samaritan Daytop Village; Dr. Hillary Kunins, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Matthew Main, Staff Attorney, Mobilization for Justice, Inc.; Christy Parque, President & CEO, The Coalition for Behavioral Health
- 4:20 pm** **Speakers:** Community Members
- 4:40 pm** **Comments:** Listening Panel
- 4:55 pm** **Wrap Up:** Stephanie Campbell

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