



**Testimony of United Neighborhood Houses
Before the New York City Council Committee on Youth
and Subcommittee on Public Housing
Regarding the DYCD Cornerstone Initiative Concept Paper**

**Lew Fidler, Chair Committee on Youth
Rosie Mendes, Chair, Subcommittee on Public Housing**

June 3, 2009

Thank you Chair Fidler and Chair Mendez for the opportunity to testify. My name is Nancy Wackstein and I am the executive director of United Neighborhood Houses (UNH). UNH is the membership organization of New York City's 36 settlement houses and community centers. The history of the settlement house movement in New York City is closely linked to public housing with many settlement houses having been founded to meet the needs of the same low-income and moderate income communities that public housing serves. Over half of UNH members operate in NYCHA developments providing services such as community centers, early childhood education, youth activities, senior centers and other services for older adults, health and mental health clinics, hobby programs and summer camps.

We are deeply concerned about the impact that NYCHA's fiscal crisis is having on the services available to public housing residents. Last year, NYCHA discontinued grants to community based organizations which serve NYCHA tenants and closed several community centers. We are grateful for the Council's work to provide \$18 million annually to preserve human services for NYCHA residents.

The Cornerstone Initiative concept paper proposes to use \$12.2 million of the \$18 million which the City Council allocated in order to preserve human services for NYCHA residents. It is our understanding that the remainder of these funds will be used by HRA and ACS to provide job training and child welfare services respectively for public housing residents.

DYCD is uniquely positioned to fund programs with the flexibility to meet the specific needs of different communities. As the Agency's mission includes both services for youth and for all segments of the community, DYCD has the flexibility to fund programs that can serve youth as well as creating programs to serve their whole family.

We are concerned that the Cornerstone Initiative concept paper does not adequately fund programs to meet the needs of all age ranges of the communities.

The closing of NYCHA community centers has led to the loss of a resource that was available to all residents of NYCHA developments and the communities in which they live. In order to provide quality services to the youth in public housing communities, providers should be able and adequately funded to meet the needs of their families and therefore include services for all age ranges in the community.

We believe that the settlement house model- where multiple services that serve all age groups come together under one roof with an open door- is the most effective way to provide human services to NYCHA residents. A community center that is open to all age groups is able to refer a resident in need to the appropriate service and integrate funding streams to build a stronger social service network.

With a settlement house model, a parent whose child is in child care or an after school program knows where to go to find other services such as ESOL or job training if needed. Many grandparents who have responsibility for children can access supportive services for older adults in the same setting that their children participate in after school activities or early education.

The Cornerstone Initiative is focused on "strategically investing public funds in programs that promote healthy development of NYCHA youth". The Cornerstone Initiative encourages but does not fund intergenerational activities and the provision of services for adults over 21 years of age. Similarly, providers are expected to "facilitate access by participants and their families to other support services (for example, counseling, healthcare, mental healthcare, work readiness and job placement services) through an effective system of referrals and follow-up." This work, which will likely require staff is expected but not funded through the Cornerstone Initiative.

We are very concerned that the lack of funding for programs which serve segments of the population other than youth will prevent Cornerstone Initiative programs from meeting the needs of whole families in NYCHA developments.

Community Needs Assessment

Respondents should have the opportunity to assess community needs and design programs which meet the specific needs of the communities that they serve.

It is not clear how the expected number of participants (service levels) in each age group was determined. Providers have no guarantee that these numbers reflect the actual needs of the community and do not know how they were determined.

Community Outreach

We appreciate that DYCD engaged in a planning process by holding 22 focus groups as well as meetings with providers, NYCHA tenant association leaders and other community stakeholders. In particular, we are grateful that DYCD convened a provider's forum which many UNH

members attended. At that forum, we specifically heard about the importance of serving youth by serving the entire family.

Recommendation

UNH recommends that DYCD makes available the information that DYCD gained in these focus groups about the needs for each development. This will help applicants to the RFP design the strongest programs to meet the needs of community members.

In particular, we would like to know:

- What residents and resident leadership reported to DYCD that community needs were.
- What human service community needs are currently met by other providers in or near the development.
- What services were lost through recent closures of either NYCHA operated or city contracted services in or near each development.
- How the needs assessment was performed to determine service levels at each site.

This information will be essential in determining whether the number of participants required at each development is achievable and whether those targets meet the needs of the communities to be served.

NYCHA Tenant Program Participation Rates

NYCHA has traditionally required human service providers operating in NYCHA facilities to have 51% or more of those served be NYCHA residents. We would like to know if this or any other tenant participation rate requirements will apply to programs funded through the Cornerstone Initiative.

Recommendation

UNH recommends DYCD and NYCHA not impose tenant participation rate requirements on Cornerstone Initiative providers. The requirement that those in need of services prove NYCHA residency creates an unnecessary obstacle for clients in need. Furthermore, as these programs are funded using City Tax Levy, it is not appropriate to turn away New Yorkers who reside in non-public housing in the same community as a NYCHA development.

Facilities and maintenance

The Concept Paper should provide more clarity about how the expenses for the maintenance and upkeep of NYCHA facilities will be paid. In particular, it is important to know:

- How will upgrades required in order to make facilities SACC compliant be paid for?
Will funding for SACC required upgrades come out of the provider's budget?

- Will providers be expected to pay for security personnel, repairs and maintenance or any other facility expense?

These issues are of particular concern, since costs associated with facility maintenance and upkeep can eat into funding that should be dedicated to providing programs. In addition, through DYCD's OST program, school based programs are not required to pay for school security personnel or maintenance, so a similar arrangement should be made in the Cornerstone Initiative as NYCHA facilities are City owned properties just as school buildings are.

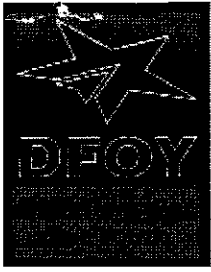
Recommendation

UNH recommends that funding to address the physical weakness of NYCHA facilities be covered by the City ahead of time and not through the Cornerstone Initiative funding.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to continuing to work with you to foster quality human services that meet the needs of NYCHA residents.

United Neighborhood Houses (UNH), founded in 1919, is the membership organization of New York City settlement houses and community centers. Rooted in the history and values of the settlement house movement, UNH promotes and strengthens the neighborhood-based, multi-service approach to improving the lives of New Yorkers in need and the communities in which they live. UNH's membership comprises one of the largest human service systems in New York City, with 36 agencies working at more than 400 sites to provide high quality services and activities to a half million New Yorkers each year. UNH supports its members through policy development, advocacy and capacity-building activities.

UNH Members: CAMBA-Center for Family Life in Sunset Park - Chinese American Planning Council - Citizens Advice Bureau - Claremont Neighborhood Centers - Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation - East Side House Settlement - Educational Alliance - Goddard Riverside Community Center - Grand Street Settlement - Greenwich House - Hamilton-Madison House - Hartley House - Henry Street Settlement - Hudson Guild - Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House - Kingsbridge Heights Community Center - Lenox Hill Neighborhood House - Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center - Moshulu Montefiore Community Center - Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation - Project Hospitality - Queens Community House - Riverdale Neighborhood House - SCAN New York - School Settlement Association - Shorefront YM-WHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach, Inc - Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers - St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center - St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation - Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center - Sunnyside Community Services - Third Street Music School Settlement - Union Settlement Association - United Community Centers - University Settlement Society



TESTIMONY OF KRISTIN WAGNER
SITE COORDINATOR, DIRECTIONS FOR OUR YOUTH
THE CITY COUNCIL JOINT YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE
AND SUBCOMITEE ON PUBLIC HOUSING

JUNE 3, 2009

Good afternoon, Chairman Fiddler and members of the committee; thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today.

My name is Kristin Wagner, and I am a Site Coordinator for Directions for Our Youth (DFOY) at the Soundview Community Center. DFOY, based here in New York, is a non-profit direct service organization whose mission is to provide leadership and inspiration through community development and youth empowerment in an afterschool environment. In this respect, we service over 1,500 young people and their families each year.

I am very glad that the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has announced the Cornerstone Initiative. Supporting the young people in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) sites in Beacon and other Out of School programs is critical for their safety and success.

I'd like to begin by telling you about DFOY's work at the Soundview Community Center. Through research and my own observations, I can attest to the fact that Soundview residents are among those most threatened by the many socio- economic challenges we are currently facing. The Center, which is conveniently located in the heart of the Soundview Community Houses, plays a major role in raising the spirits, self esteem and hope of the residents and other community members by providing services that seek to enrich their lives and truly reflect many of their needs. We offer activities that teach skills to help

students stay in school and offer families' services that will allow them to seek opportunities to better their lives.

As DFOY prepared to assume responsibility for the site, we hosted a number of community meetings. These were full of parents concerned, and confused as to the new changes that were to take place at their center. At first apprehensive, parents questioned the role of DYCD and the CBO being brought to their neighborhood. On February 2, 2009, my staff and I began a process of assessment to get a clear understanding of the services that were currently being offered, and how we might enhance them as we moved the center towards the highly regarded, nationally replicated Beacon model. Within a month, activity schedules were produced, and linkages were formed with neighboring schools such as P.S. 107 and P.S. 196. During this time staff worked diligently to form relationships with parents who were understandably apprehensive as we began to create a stronger program.

As time progressed, a continuous buzz of activity emerged. The residents became increasingly confident mentioning and referring others to this new and exciting program that was best of all free of all charges especially its summer camp for over 100 young people.

The integration of DYCD Programs such as the highly regarded Beacon within NYCHA is exactly the type of innovation that can revitalize community spaces similarly as to how Beacons have been successful in utilizing Public Schools for over the last 15 years.

It is critical that the neighborhoods surrounding the community center are assessed carefully, so the overarching framework of its programming truly reflects the varied needs and interest of the community. I therefore suggest that the RFP include the contractor's plans for conducting a needs assessment for the community surrounding the center.

The rationale for the theme-based approach is ideal, but centers should not be limited to a single theme. This is because there is often a range of issues that need to be addressed in a community, and one theme may not be sufficient. I therefore would ask the committee and DYCD to consider using both a primary and a secondary theme. This would allow participants to have a degree of choice in the issues

they are engaged in, and would create a space for participants to conceive imaginative projects addressing a range of issues.

Also, it is imperative that staff is trained adequately, and I am very glad to see the topic of training addressed in the concept paper. To be effective, training must occur in a coordinated manner that is supported by the initiative and the contractor at the same time. This ensures that the needs of all youth are met regardless of their challenges. I would like to see the RFP elaborate on this topic, as well as include promises from DYCD to provide training when appropriate. Regardless of who is offering them, however, these trainings should at a minimum include the issues of childhood and youth development, youth with Special Needs and Child Abuse and Neglect.

It is also imperative for DYCD and NYCHA to maintain strong communication with clear directives to sponsoring CBO. These relationships are vital in the success of programming; ensuring the necessary support needed by the selected CBOs to bridge gaps and form an enriching culture for the community.

Overall, the collaboration of DYCD and NYCHA is ideal in better servicing all youth as we seek to decrease truancy and dropout rates across New York City.

TESTIMONY BEFORE
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMITTEES ON YOUTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING
HEARING

ON
THE CORNERSTONE INITIATIVE CONCEPT PAPER ON THE
USE OF NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY CENTERS

PRESENTED BY
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NEW YORK CITY
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

Good afternoon Chairs Fidler and Mendez and members of the Youth Services Committee. I am Darryl Rattray, Assistant Commissioner for Beacon and Work Readiness Programs with the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). On behalf of Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Cornerstone Initiative Concept Paper and the administration of youth programs at 25 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers.

Background

As you know, on January 13, 2009, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Speaker Christine C. Quinn, DYCD and NYCHA announced a plan to ensure continuity of services at NYCHA community centers. We thank the Council for allocating funding for this initiative. \$12.25 million is baselined in the Fiscal 2010 budget to continue this program next year.

The transition to DYCD is occurring in two phases. In the first phase, DYCD-funded Beacon programs located near the 25 NYCHA Community Centers established comprehensive satellite programs at each of the sites. These Community Centers were selected through a needs assessment that took into account poverty and youth population indicators, availability of services and the suitability of physical facilities within each development, and geographic diversity. Of the 25 Centers, ten are in Brooklyn, five are in the Bronx, five in Queens, four in Manhattan and one in Staten Island.

The Beacon model features collaborative, community programming designed to provide high-quality services to youth and adults after school, in the evenings, and on weekends. To date:

- Over 288 staff have been hired.
- 14% are former NYCHA employees.
- Nearly one-quarter are NYCHA residents.
- 1,100 elementary participants have enrolled.
- 1,053 middle and high school youth have enrolled.
- And, there are 1,007 adult participants.

The Beacon Satellite programs at NYCHA Community Centers will operate through December 31, 2009.

Planning Process

To help design services starting in January 2010, DYCD underwent a comprehensive community engagement process to gain the input of young people, parents, resident leadership, and other stakeholders. DYCD contracted with two outside consultants, Market Street Research and Wellspring Consulting to conduct these sessions to facilitate and receive feedback. These discussions include:

- Meetings with the Citywide Council of Presidents and Resident Associations.
- 18 focus groups across each of the 9 NYCHA districts with parents of children in NYCHA facilities.
- Four focus groups with high-school aged youth to identify the priorities for young people and elicit feedback on potential models for older youth.
- Over 2,000 youth surveys created by Market Street Research, providing feedback on their current after school activities, barriers to participation, and program activities that are the most and least appealing to them.
- We also met with principals from schools and community-based organizations close to the 25 developments.

During this process we have seen strong support for:

- An hour a day for homework.
- Academic enrichment activities.
- College preparation activities.
- Structured recreational activities that help children stay fit and combat obesity while having fun.
- Computer and technology activities.
- Employment, work readiness services.
- Adult programming.

Some Resident Councils also expressed an interest in operating programs at the Centers. DYCD invited all 25 Resident Councils to workshops conducted by Community Resource Exchange on the fundamentals of establishing and operating non-profit organizations, including how to compete for funding and securing government contracts. We are pleased that representatives from seven NYCHA developments were in attendance and that they gave the workshops very high ratings.

In developing a robust program model, DYCD also incorporated many of the highlights and lessons learned in the roll-out and expansion of Out-of-School Time initiative, and the Beacon Community Center system that now emphasizes services to middle school-age youth. As with all DYCD-funded youth programs, the new design will support healthy families and meet the needs of working parents and caregivers.

Concept Paper

On May 6, 2009 DYCD released the Cornerstone Initiative Concept Paper reflective of this feedback for public housing residents in all age categories: younger youth, ages 5 -12, older youth 13 – 21, and adults.

As outlined, the primary role of the Cornerstone programs would be the provision of engaging and productive activities for youth within a vibrant community center setting.

Some of the anticipated program goals include:

- Providing a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.
- Promoting healthy physical, emotional and social development.
- Engaging youth in structured activities that offer tangible benefits and build literacy and other core skills.
- Giving youth a “voice” and “choice” in programming.
- Encouraging appreciation for diversity and fostering community engagement.
- Providing positive adult role models, encouraging parental involvement, and promoting intergenerational programs.
- Building life-skills, fostering social responsibility and reducing risk behaviors.
- Facilitating access to health, mental health and other relevant services.
- And collaborating with community-based organizations to provide services to adults and seniors.

Some unique programmatic elements we anticipate providing to achieve these goals are:

- Themes that will serve as a framework for a rich menu of inter-related program activities. Themes that resonated with focus group participants included healthy living and entrepreneurship.
- A commitment to sustained, project-based activities with specific end-products or tangible achievements. These activities strengthen teamwork, problem-solving and academic skills, and provide a bridge to learning without replicating the school day.
- A focus on community service that promotes leadership development in youth.
- And a variety of service projects and community events that encourage positive community and intergenerational relations.

Like the existing Beacon Satellite programs, the new services will help meet the childcare needs of parents. Generally, the Centers are expected to operate from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays during the school year, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays in the summer and on Saturdays year-round from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community Input

Because the success of any program is dependent on community input, DYCD will require a Community Advisory Board for each Center. These boards may include NYCHA residents, parents, and youth, representatives of the Resident Association, and local schools, law enforcement, and community-based organizations.

Youth Councils will also be required for all programs to ensure a strong youth voice in program design and the selection of activities. The Councils give the added benefit of fostering a sense of independence and empowerment in young people and offer

significant opportunities for development of leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

Cost Per Participant

The allowable cost per participant will be similar to other DYCD-funded after-school programs. For younger youth ages 5 – 12, the annual maximum price per participant for year-round services will be \$2,800 with a minimum of 1,140 hours required. The maximum price per participant for older youth ages 13 – 21 will be \$1,300.

Recognizing that as young people mature their family and job responsibilities grow, and based on feedback from providers, the expected annual participation rate will adjust according to age. 200 hours will be required for 13 – 15 year olds and 165 hours for 16 – 21 year olds.

Like other DYCD funded programs, these Centers will have standards of accountability to ensure that programs are high-quality and worthy of public investment. Using DYCD Online, contractors will demonstrate compliance with required minimum service levels and hours of structured activities and track participant outcomes.

Conclusion

Comments to the Concept Paper are due by close of business today. We also look forward to continued input and recommendations from the City Council. This feedback will help strengthen the design of the program so that we can further improve the quality of services.

Thank you once again for allowing us to testify today. Joining me is Denice Williams, Assistant Commissioner for Capacity Building. We are pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Testimony by Keith Ramsey Eastchester Gardens Resident Council President

City Council Hearing on The Department of Youth and Community Developments
Corner Stone Initiative Concept Paper on the use of New York City Housing Authority's
Community Centers.

Sub-Committee on Public Housing and Committee on Youth Services

City Council Hearing Room

6/3/2009

Chair Mendez and members of the City Council. Good afternoon, I come here today to inform you, that there is a problem, with Mosholu Montefiore Community Center staff on NYCHA property.

I am the Eastchester Gardens Resident Council President for 10 years, I have held this position, for, community service is my love, my goal, is to enhance the quality of life for all Eastchester Gardens Community Residents. Partnering with the NYCHA has been a pleasure, a learning experience, great programming, great special events, and attendance through the roof. NYCHA has its problems but I can assure you in Bronx North NYCHA made sure the residents came first always, now we deal with something called a beacon.

I have met with the following Politicians and NYC employee's Councilman Seabrook, Councilman Koppel, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, State Senator Ruben Diaz, Jeanne Mulgrav, Darryl Rattray, Deidra Gillard and have attempted to have George Torres of The Mayors Community Assistance Unit to intervene.

Having a beacon program in our development is wrong, they don't understand how we live, yes our children should be serviced but there are adults and seniors in Eastchester Gardens where are the programs for them? MMCC has not a clue on how to run resident related programming, No transparency, No accountability, its run like a secret squirrel type of organization. Resident involvement is unacceptable to them it's a foreign thing.

The situation in the Eastchester Gardens Community Center continues to deteriorate, two weeks ago the Director of the MMCC Community Center (Will Stewart) tried to have me arrested while his several of employee's (Security Guards, Sports Specialists and Group leaders) has publicly threatened to hurt me. (MMCC employee's said publicly they were going kick my ass!) Don Bluestone and Lisa Nicotra are well aware of this yet they do absolutely nothing. They continue to allow, these bad feelings to swell and form until ultimately it must come to a head. Then people will go to hospitals and get arrested. They, also, was well aware that one of there security guards body slammed a long time resident, they tried to act like the incident was imagined or made up like a fairy tale.

I will not allow MMCC to try to intimidate or scare or body slam me into not coming into that community center, they are not smart enough, nor bold enough to do that, I fight and advocate for the residents of the Eastchester Gardens Community, Don Blue Stone, Lisa Nicotra and Will Stewart will never change that. I live in Eastchester Gardens

I would like the City Council to assist, a task force, a meeting, something needs to be done. I have looked for help every where I possibly could, I am still willing to work with this organization, but they must get there act together, residents of Eastchester must come first. Thug mentality must not be tolerated. I want MMCC monitored, I want to know:

- Why the Computer's that Councilman Seabrook gave us are not being used, by the community, no internet accessibility?
- Why is our large game room is not being used?
- Why does MMCC refuse to hire from the community in which they now reside?
- Why does MMCC favors friends and family members over residents?
- Why the free summer day camp program was not publicized in the Eastchester Gardens Development first before it went to the Public School 121
- Why is the co-locator agreement for the Eastchester Gardens Development Corporation not being honored and ignored?
- Why does MMCC not offer bereavement time for residents?
- Why does MMCC not have outreach to Eastchester Gardens Residents?
- Why does MMCC tolerate thug like mentality with some of there employee's?
- Why is the majority of MMCC staff teenagers and young adults and work part time?
- Why did Don Bluestone or Lisa Nicotra not reach out to me when Will Stewart (director of the center) tried to have me arrested?

With all the resources that MMCC has and with the fact that NYCHA left thousands of dollars of equipment such as T.V'S and Computers, there should be no excuse for the way MMCC adult programming is done. Attendance in the evening is at all time low. The way they are running that facility is shameful and unacceptable. Eastchester Gardens Residents get the short end of the stick. The Residents of Eastchester Gardens deserve much better than this.

MMCC must recognize we are not here in Eastchester Gardens with MMCC. MMCC is in Eastchester with us the residents. There is no accountability with MMCC, it reminds me of dealing with a mom and pop store, you can report and complain but everyone is close nit or related in comparison with a large store like a Path mark where there is accountability.

This concludes my testimony of the escalating dangerous situation and sorry state of affairs with MMCC. Any assistance the City Council can do please contact me. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

I have included previous letters and documents of interest.

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Mosholu Montefiore Community Center @ Eastchester Gardens

Beacon Co-Locator Agreement

To enhance available services and establish the Beacon as a comprehensive community center the Co-locator agreement(s) is hereby defined as: Any agreement(s) to provide access to the Beacon site premises and usage of space, facilities, equipment, and materials, during the Beacon program's hours of operation and free of charge, to other qualified not-for-profit service organizations that provide educational, recreational, social, vocational and referral services and activities targeted toward youth, their families and other adults in the community pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

For the purposes of enhancing available services in the Eastchester Gardens Beacon Program as a comprehensive community center, we, The Eastchester Gardens Development Corp,
(Group/Organization Name) enter into a Co-locator agreement with Eastchester Gardens Beacon at School _____ with the understanding and agreement that all members affiliated with their organization/ program and agency will comply with Eastchester Gardens Beacon Program at _____ School and DYCD'S (Department of Youth and Community Development) policies and regulations.

The following items are to be adhered to:

The person's signature that appears on the Co-locator Agreement is understood to be the "Primary Contact". He/She is held responsible for the group and it's participants as well as staffing for the activity.

- A. The person in charge and its member participants understand and accept that they will follow Department of Education/DYCD's fingerprinting process requirements. All persons in charge and their staff must be fingerprinted.
(The exception to the rule is children under the age of 17 enrolled in school.)
- B. It is understood and accepted that no fees will be charged to participants or any person wishing to use the Beacon Center space as a member of any co-located activities. All activities must be open to the community free of charge.
- C. It is understood that for members /participants to use the Beacon Community Center, youth and/or community development activities, there will be no restrictions imposed on them on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status or sexual orientation.
- D. It is understood that that no religious worship and/or instruction will be conducted as a part of or in connection with the performance of the co-locator's program in the Beacon Center's facilities
- E. The Co-locator understands that they shall not enter into any co-location agreements related to the performance of its obligations, in whole or in part, under this Agreement without first obtaining the prior written approval from the DYCD.
- F. The co-locator enters into this agreement accepting that they/organization will actively recruit and outreach for new members and or participants from within the Eastchester Gardens Beacon Program.

All Co-Locators will enter into this understanding that the persons in charge/members and/or participants will encourage adherence and enforce where possible Eastchester Gardens Beacon at _____ school program's policy and procedures.

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Co-locator Agreement
Revised 9/18/08

As follows:

- I Non-Usage of rooms and space - Advance notices of at least 24 hours for cancellation of activity must be submitted in writing. A minimum 24-hour written notice must be submitted to the Beacon office in the event of cancellation of an activity.
 - II Maintenance rooms and Equipment - The rooms / space (Cafeteria-Auditorium, etc) should be maintained clean, orderly. No defacing or vandalizing of equipment is allowed. (This will result in termination of Co-locator's agreement.)
 - III Beacon Registrant's Photo ID - All participants/members must submit a Beacon registration, and be prepared to take photo's ID. (*No access to the center will be given without a Beacon ID card.*) ID's are to be available at all times to be presented to staff.
 - IV Food and Beverages in the Building - There is Absolutely **NO Food, alcoholic beverages, sodas** etc, allowed in the building at anytime. The building is a smoke free area. If eating is approved it must be done in the cafeteria.
 - V The Code of Conduct - There is standard practice of respect and courtesy throughout the center to staff, personnel and other Beacon Participants. The following are not acceptable behavior or conduct:
 - Usage of inappropriate language (foul language).
 - Initiating verbal arguments, or physical altercations by members/participant toward anyone in the Beacon Center (These are grounds for immediate termination of Co-locator's agreement)
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- ~~There is no loitering and/wandering through other program areas without proper authorization~~
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- VI Space Use issuance- only one space request is given per group. There should be no doubling of enrollment or piggybacking from one co-locator's group to another.
 - VII Identifying Co-locator Personnel: A staff listing must be attached to this contract. An updated listing must be submitted in order to update inactive and new staff.

It is understood that the name and signature below represents and enters into the Co-locator agreement specifically agreeing to be bound by the provisions set forth in the Agreement between the ~~Eastchester Gardens~~ Beacon Program at _____ school and the Department of Youth and Community Development.

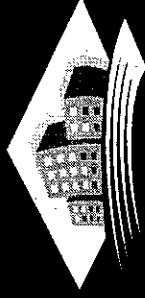
Keith Ramsey ^{Executive} Director of Eastchester Gardens Development Corp
Print Name Title Organization's name
Keith Ramsey 5/15/09
Signature Date

Beacon Name: _____ School _____

Beacon Director's Name: _____ Signature _____



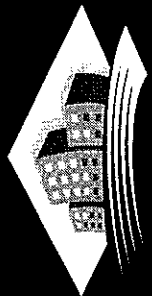
Eastchester Gardens Community Center



Sponsored by Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:30pm - 3:00pm			Pick Up : P.S. 121 Ajana Alexis & Charlene Garcia			
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Snack & Socialization		Snack & Socialization	Snack & Socialization	Snack & Socialization	Snack & Socialization
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Power Hour/ Partners in Reading 1 st Grade 2 nd Grade 3 rd Grade 4 th Grade 5 th Grade		Power Hour/ Partners in Reading 1 st Grade 2 nd Grade 3 rd Grade 4 th Grade 5 th Grade	Power Hour/ Partners in Reading 1 st Grade 2 nd Grade 3 rd Grade 4 th Grade 5 th Grade	Power Hour/ Partners in Reading 1 st Grade 2 nd Grade 3 rd Grade 4 th Grade 5 th Grade	Power Hour 1 st Grade 2 nd Grade 3 rd Grade 4 th Grade 5 th Grade
4:30pm - 5:30pm	1 st Grade Music/Dance 2 nd Grade Game Room 3 rd Grade Arts & Crafts 4 th Grade Computers 5 th Grade Fitness Authority Dinner/Pick-up		1 st Grade Arts & Crafts 2 nd Grade Fitness Authority 3 rd Grade Game Room 4 th Grade Music/Dance 5 th Grade Computers Dinner/Pick-up	1 st Grade Game Room 2 nd Grade Computers 3 rd Grade Music/Dance 4 th Grade Fitness Authority 5 th Grade Arts & Craft Dinner/Pick-up	1 st Grade Fitness Authority 2 nd Grade Arts & Crafts 3 rd Grade Computers 4 th Grade Game Room 5 th Grade Music/Dance Dinner/Pick-up	1 st Grade Computers 2 nd Grade Music/Dance 3 rd Grade Fitness Authority 4 th Grade Arts & Crafts 5 th Grade Game Room Dinner/Pick-up
5:30 pm- 6:00pm						

Eastchester Gardens Community Center



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(718) - 231-3894

Age Group	Saturday
Elementary (6yrs - 9yrs)	Basketball Clinic 10:00am - 12:00am Gymnasium
Middle School (10yrs - 13yrs)	Basketball Clinic 12:00pm - 2:00 p.m. Gymnasium
High School (14yrs - 17yrs)	Basketball Clinic 2:00pm - 4:00 p.m. Gymnasium

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RESIDENTS IF RESUME IS RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2009

GROUP LEADER POSITION(S) (P/T)

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead group of youth participants during after-school program day.
- Assist youth participants with homework and guide students in their academic growth.
- Ensure the health, safety and well being of children in the program by providing close supervision of all activities.
- Escort youth participants from school to the program site in a safe and timely manner.
- Outreach and recruitment.
- Communicate effectively with youth participants, parents and administration.
- Distribute food program meals and snacks.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationship with youth participants, parents and colleagues.
- Work with colleagues to prepare and maintain a clean and safe program activity area for participant use.
- Plan and create innovative age appropriate activities and develop lesson plans to be conducted on a daily basis.
- Attend the minimum required 15 hours of staff training during the program year.
- Actively participate in all training sessions and designated meetings and special events.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by Program Director.
- Maintain records and attendance.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience working with youth in an educational and/or community-based setting.
- Enjoy working with youth ages 6-13.
- Creative, energetic, punctual and organized.
- High School Diploma or equivalent

(* **Note:** Applicant qualification will not limited to just Baby-sitting experience.)

Please send you resume to:

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
ATTN: Will Stewart, Beacon Director
3016 Yates Ave.
Bronx, New York 10469

No phone calls

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COMPUTER SKILLS TEACHER (P/T)

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be available on weekday evenings in the computer lab conducting classes on word processing, resume building, Internet searches, typing, job search techniques.
- Plan and create innovative activities and develop lesson plans to be conducted on a consistent basis.
- Maintain program records and attendance.
- Communicate effectively with program participants and administration.
- Outreach and recruitment.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationship with participants.
- Attend the minimum required 15 hours of staff training during the program year.
- Actively participate in all training sessions and designated meetings and special events.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by Program Director.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience working with teens and adults in an educational and/or community-based setting.
- Good knowledge of computers, especially word processing and internet searches.
- Creative, energetic, punctual and organized.
- Computer skills (Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel).
- At least 1 year work experience.
- At least associate degree in related field.

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SECURITY POSITION (P/T)

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain security logs and visitor's sign-in.
- Notify supervisors of all emergency incidents and complete any related documentation.
- Communicate effectively with youth participants, parents and administration.
- Conduct sweeps of facility.
- Knowledge of the facilities, program offerings, and increase the level of service offered.
- Provide support during program and community events.
- Maintain assigned posts throughout the facility until properly relieved.
- Actively participate in all training sessions and designated meetings and special events.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by Program Director.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- H.S. Diploma, college is a plus.
- Security experience
- Must possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Clean background.

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Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

January 26, 2009

To whom it may concern,

Eastchester Gardens is a 57-year-old federal housing development located in the northeast section of the Bronx New York. The Eastchester Gardens Resident Council, of which I am President, is a 501 (C) (3) organization that represents the over 4,200 residents and works to improve the quality of life with-in the development and surrounding community.

During a meeting in Senator Ruben Diaz's office on Friday January 23, 2009 at 4:00pm in which representatives from D.Y.C.D was in attendance. Issues and concerns regarding Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, running programs out of the Eastchester Gardens Community Center was a topic of discussion:

After speaking with the Eastchester Gardens Executive Board and The Eastchester Gardens Youth Council. These are our issues and concerns.

- The name of the Eastchester Gardens Community Center must remain unchanged, for, this is our identity.
- Where is? and who has? The Contract between D.Y.C.D, MMCC and N.Y.C.H.A regarding the Eastchester Gardens Community Center.
- How much of the City Council funds will go to Eastchester Gardens Community Center for programming, supplies, etc
- How will the funding be monitored and by which City Agency.
- Existing programs in Eastchester Gardens Community Center such as: The Sewing, U.S. Census, Narcotics Anonymous, and food pantry, along with Murphy Houses using our Basketball Court Mondays and Fridays. Must remain untouched.

- Eastchester Gardens Resident Council must continue to be able to use the facility, when available, for fundraisers and meetings.
- The Eastchester Gardens Advisory Board must not be dissolved, it should be promoted and encourage residents to participate. To enhance programming and ideas in the Eastchester Gardens Community Center.
- MMCC must meet with Eastchester Gardens Resident Council and Youth Council once a month.
- Eastchester Gardens Community Center must have special events every month to enhance the program, and to increase resident participation. Events can be planned and discussed with MMCC, Eastchester Garden Resident Leaders, and Youth Board.
- Promotions and flyers must be distributed to Eastchester Gardens residents to enhance, community center participation.
- MMCC must be actively involved with Eastchester Gardens special events such as family day, four corners day, and general meetings, and executive board meetings.
- Residents from Eastchester Gardens Community must be employed by D.Y.C.D or MMCC to work in Eastchester Gardens Community Center. The Eastchester Gardens Resident Council would like to be part of the process.
- We need a security and I.D card system, The Eastchester Gardens Resident Council and Youth Board wants to be part of the process.
- Before MMCC staff comes to Eastchester Gardens Community Center, we would like to meet them.
- We require a certified weight trainer for our weight room.
- We require a Computer Teacher for our computer lab.
- We require programs and activities for AT RISK YOUTH.
- We require sports originated staff to organize Basketball clinics for all ages and tournaments. and if possible a midnight basketball program

January 26, 2009

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- All S.Y.E.P applications from Eastchester Gardens must be treated equally and fairly.
- We require a organizational breakdown of D.Y.C.D and MMCC
- We would like the Eastchester Gardens Community to become familiar with MMCC'S many programs, such as

The Child Care Center Program, Healthy Kids Lose Weight Program, Kids Café, Discovery Program, Counselor in Training Program, and we would like a Educational Counseling Center in Eastchester Gardens.

Please call me (1-347-275-1462) or write to us at the address/fax number on the letterhead with your questions or comments. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Keith Ramsey
Eastchester Gardens Resident Council Inc

Cc
Hugh Spence (NYCHA)
D.Gilliard (NYCHA)
D. Rattray (DYCD)
E Figueroa (NYCHA)
D. Bluestone (MMCC)
State Senator Ruth Hassell Thompson
State Senator Ruben Diaz
Assemblyman Carl Hastie
Assemblyman Ruben Diaz Jr
Eastchester Gardens Executive Board
Eastchester Gardens Youth Board

Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

January 20, 2009

Honorable Larry Seabrook Councilman

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I am writing to ask you to support the many residents of the Eastchester Gardens Community, by reinstating the four employees that N.Y.C.H.A is laying off and stopping Mosholu Jerome Community Center from gaining full and total control over our community center. As you may be aware, this center currently provides services to our youth, senior citizens and youth with learning disabilities.

We have a After school Program, Evening Program, Narcotics Anonymous program a computer lab, that you secured funding for, a music room with audio engineering equipment, The U.S census Bureau has made Eastchester Gardens a testing site on Wednesday, Thursdays, and Fridays we have standing room only in anticipation of this test that will employ our community residents, we have a fully functioning youth board who has input and a open ear to NYCHA staff they the youth have functions that they create in this facility, The Basketball Program has a great many participants on Thursday and Monday Nights. Murphy Houses uses our facility for 15 and under basketball skills Training. We have a sewing program run by the residents; we also have a food pantry Program Tuesday's and Thursday's that provides the community with produce for families that need it.

Now, you mean to tell me, that Bloomberg,Quinn,Walcott,Morales and Mullgrav is just going to wave there hand and make all this work that we have done here for so many years disappear? I can honestly say, that will not take place in this facility without a fight, there is no way on this earth, that we as a community will stand, deaf and mute and let these outsiders decide the future of The

Miccarelli, Carol

From: egrc [egrc@optonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 10:37 AM
To: Miccarelli, Carol
Subject: Fw: dycd

----- Original Message -----

From: egrc
To: Jmulgrav@dycd.nyc.gov
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 1:36 PM
Subject: dycd

Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

3010 Yates Ave apt 4h
Bronx N.Y. 10469
718-547-7033 Telephone

May 8, 2009

Commissioner Mulgrav
156 William Street

RE: Will Stewart , Adult Programming

My patience is being tested with Will Stewart as Eastchester Gardens Community Center Director, I am begin to get the feeling that he is one of those yes people, which means he will yes you to death, but in reality can not get the job done.

On the other hand maybe he is doing just what he is allowed to do, in all actuality he is a new employee, he doesn't call the shots at MMCC, there are others responsible for that.

Yesterday I observed a strange individual sitting in a place near the office that he had no business, I then observed this same individual go in to the office and either plug or unplug a phone or mp3 player device, This individual then sat back in the chair and put this device in his ear listening to whatever music, he had on it. I went to the Director Will Stewart he explained to me this was the son of a employee there, this is the same problem we had with the other director, family members and friends should only be allowed in certain areas of the facility not in offices and sitting in places they have no business.

When I asked Will about this he defended this type of behavior like it is acceptable, he was in the computer room, doing some work, but that is not the reason why those computers are there MMCC should get Will his own computer in the office those computers are for the residents of this community, it angers me that the only people

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benefiting from MMCC being here is MMCC.

He also choose to speak to me in a condescending mocking tone, while one of his staff was in the room ,well I hope he finds this funny, as of right now he is a failure as a director here, let him laugh at that. The computer room is still closed, Game room still closed, The music room is till closed, Job posting have went up, no resident from this development has been hired yet, attendance is at a all time low.

At night it is a got damn shame the only programs that are running are the ones that The Eastchester Gardens Resident Council has implemented and The New York City Housing Authority such as The Weight Room, Narcotics Anonymous, Sewing, at night it seems that behavior expected on the street is tolerated in the facility.

MMCC with all its prestige and influence gives this community, it seems the worst of its worse, this community is not benefiting from them being here, hell they cant even get there Director a copy machine or a fax machine or a computer, the residents here don't have a chance. The way they hire people is crazy, they still have that security guard and that so-called sports specialist here that has a problem with me here, and has both publicly said things that a reasonable person, would take as threats. You would think that a reasonable organization would take steps to ensure these things don't escalate, but not MMCC. They punk out. But be aware the appropriate law enforcement agency does know about it.

If Don, Will, and Lisa are scared of there employee's that's their got damn problem cause i am not scared of any of them and if anything ever happens to me in this development there will be serious consequences for all involved. MMCC upper staff is creating an environment where things like this are brewing.

One last problem is the child care feeding program I am requesting someone from the NYCHA or DOH to come and monitor that the Kitchen is filthy after they feed the kids in the afternoon, it is shameful, but tolerated.

I want DYCD to monitor this program; I want justification for all these young staff members in this facility and no viable adult programs. At night there is nothing for a lot of these young staff members to do, and it is becoming a drop it like its hot hang-out again. I can't blame these young people; they are doing what they do. I blame Don and Lisa for allowing this to happen

We deserve much better than this crap that is going on in this facility

In addition, I still request that a meeting be held as soon as possible with the appropriate Borough NYCHA staff and DYCD liaison

Sincerely,

Keith Ramsey
Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

C.C

D. Rattray
D.O.H
NYCHA
Captain Greeley (49th Precinct)
Jay Sterdivant (49TH Precinct Community Affairs)
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I represent: MAN. North / JOHNSON Houses

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Name: Kristin Wagner

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Address: 1680 Seward Ave

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Date: 6/3/09

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Name: Keith Ramsey

Address: 3010 Yates Ave

I represent: Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

Address: 3010 Yates Ave

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Name: Suleika Sobrera

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I represent: 105 E. 22 St

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I represent: South DS English

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I represent: DycD

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Name: Danice Williams

Address: _____

I represent: DycD

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