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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Start: 10:24 A.M.

Recess: 10:27 A.M.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor
Hearing Room 3

B E F O R E: Hon. Crystal Hudson, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés
Darlene Mealy
Frank Morano
Sandy Nurse
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung

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SERGEANT LEWIS: Mic check, mic check.

This is a mic check for the vote on General Welfare.
Today's date is April 28th, 2026, recorded by Walter
Lewis in Hearing Room 3.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and
welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
Committee on General Welfare.

At this time, I would like to remind
everyone to silence all electronic devices. Also, at
this point, going forward, no one is to approach the
dais.

Chair, we're ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: [GAVEL] Thank you.
Good morning and welcome to today's hearing. I'm
Crystal Hudson, General Welfare Committee Chair, and
my pronouns are she/her. Today we have four bills on
our Agenda:

Proposed Intro 726-A by Council Member
Shaun Abreu, in relation to the Department of Social
Services Commissioner coordinating with hospitals to
distribute informational materials on certain weather
events to patients and make services directly
available to discharged patients during such events.

Proposed Intro 727-A, also sponsored by Council Member Abreu, in relation to the DSS Commissioner coordinating with hospitals to make certain supplies available to discharged patients during certain weather events.

Proposed Intro 778-A, by Council Member Lincoln Restler, which would create an integrated and confidential data system to track all engagement with street homeless individuals.

Proposed Intro 790-A by Council Member Rita Joseph, which would require the Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management, to report on warming centers.

We are joined today by Council Members Ung, Avilés, and Mealy.

The two bills sponsored by Council Member Abreu are a direct followup to our February 10th hearing on the City's recent response to Code Blue. These bills seek to provide certain supplies and information to individuals experiencing homelessness who are patients at hospitals during extreme weather emergencies.

Council Member Restler's bill would strengthen coordination between street outreach

1 teams, enhance data collection efforts, and provide
2 policymakers with timelier and more accurate data on
3 the state of street homelessness.

4 Council Member Joseph's bill would
5 improve transparency around availability and
6 accessibility of warming centers in the city during
7 periods of enhanced Code Blue.

8 We hope that today's vote will serve to
9 strengthen the City's social safety net for its most
10 vulnerable populations during extreme weather
11 conditions.

12 I want to conclude by thanking the
13 committee staff for their work on this hearing:
14 Aminta Kilawan, Nina Rosenberg, Justin Campos,
15 Phariha Rahman, and Elisabeth Childers-Garcia.

16 I would also like to thank my staff,
17 Andrew Wright and Erika Ruintan.

18 And I'll now call on the Clerk to do the
19 roll call for today's vote.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good morning.
21 William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote,
Committee on General Welfare. All bills are coupled.

Chair Hudson?

CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Nurse? (CONFLICT)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (CONFLICT)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: (ABSENT)

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 4 in the
affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions,
all items have been adopted by the committee.

CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Thank you so much.

This hearing is now adjourned. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is no interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date August 14, 2026