

**CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**December 15, 2017**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND, DEER PARK, NY**

<u>MINUTES</u>		
<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Arthur B.	Angie P.	LeVar Nero
Ernest B.	Clara C.	Pam McHugh
Gauis C.	Clement W.	
James C.	Ed M.	
Joseph P.	Glenn L.	
June T.	James H.	
Kevin M.	Juanita C-F	
Marci E.	Keith A	
Nancy D. Co-Chair	Lance M.	
Richard G.	Margret H.	
Wendy A.	Robert S.	
William D.	Traci S.	
<u>STAFF:</u>		
Georgette Beal		
JoAnn Henn		
Stephanie Moreau		

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

Nancy D. called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. She welcomed everyone and introductions were made. There was a moment of silence to remember those living with disease and those whom we have lost.

**II. Brightpoint Health Services and Basic Oral Health Care**

Mr. LeVar Nero, Account Manager from Brightpoint Health gave a presentation on the services the agency provides. Brightpoint Health began as a nursing home devoted to people living with HIV/AIDS in the 1990's and has expanded to 23 operational sites located in all five boroughs. Services include primary and dental care, adult day health care, outpatient substance abuse treatment, and social support, including grief counseling. Brightpoint Health also operates several state-of-the-art mobile health and dental centers where providers see patients in convenient locations, ensuring that care is available to the most hard-to-reach patients. Of particular interest to the members was the Adult Day Health Care Program, which is dedicated to client well-being. This program provides people living with HIV/AIDS comprehensive services in a safe, supportive environment. Clients work towards wellness under the supervision of a professional staff and the assistance of their peers. These services include group and individual counseling, substance abuse treatment, art therapy, and recreational activities. Meals and transportation are provided. Tours can be scheduled so that individuals can visit the facilities. Information and contact information were distributed.

### **III. World AIDS Day Summary-**

The efforts of WAD chair, Ms. Egel and the WAD committee made the World AIDS Day event a success. Ms. Egel, was acknowledged for her hard work and dedication. The event was held on Friday evening, December 1, 2017 at Carlyle on the Green. It was a day to remember, raise awareness and have hope for an AIDS-free generation.

Registration was required and the venue reached capacity quickly, resulting in a waiting list to attend the event. There were more than 70 baskets for raffles as well as a 50/50. Monies raised from sponsorships, generous patrons, and raffles helped to fund this important event. Many attendees expressed gratitude and appreciation at being present at the event are looking forward to attending the event next year, pledging their support.

At the next meeting, preliminary planning for World AIDS Day will begin.

### **IV. Holiday party/ Gift Exchange**

The December CIC meeting has traditionally been holiday themed, usually including a gift exchange. Consumers exchanged wrapped gifts and wished each other well, joking that they'll see each other next year.

### **V. Announcements. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Marci E. and seconded by Kevin M. to adjourn December 15, 2017 Consumer Involvement Committee meeting. **All in Favor-Motion carried**