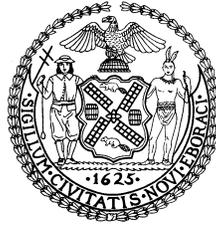


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Manhattan Community Board 8

May 17, 2012

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Resolution Requesting the New York City Council to Restore Full Discretionary Funding for the Case Management Program

Dear Council Members Garodnick and Lappin:

At the May 16, 2012 Full Board meeting, Community Board 8M adopted the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

Whereas, in June 2011, Community Board 8 Manhattan passed a resolution urging the New York City Council to provide full discretionary funding for the Department for the Aging (DFTA) and urging the Mayor to baseline the DFTA budget for this fiscal year.

Whereas, It is with great disappointment that we learned that the Case Management program is yet again facing a cut to its budget on top of the cut it experienced this current year.

Whereas, Case Management works with the most vulnerable of our senior population, frail and homebound older adults who often have no other supports and by nature of their disabilities are often socially isolated.

Whereas, these clients range in age from 60 to 103, are often suffering from multiple medical and cognitive impairments, and have an average income of \$900 a month.

Whereas, without the services provided by the Case Management program, they would have no way to access needed care.

Whereas, Case Management enables these individuals to maintain life in their community, rather than being forced into higher and more costly levels of care.

Whereas, further cuts in the funding for the Case Management program will mean that many of the frail older adults it serves will be put at grave risk, fewer will be able to be served, the services available will likely be both fewer in number and less comprehensive, and waiting lists will grow.

Whereas, the number of aged in need of case management services is growing.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City Council take all possible steps to protect the vital Case Management program against any further cuts and to insure that it can provide all the services necessary to protect this very fragile and vulnerable population.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the City Council also take all possible steps to restore full funding to the Case Management program.

Therefore, be it also further resolved, that we renew our request that the senior services budget be base-lined into the Mayor's budget at a level equal to or greater than last year's allocation.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Manhattan Community Board 8 June 2011 adopted resolution addressed to Mayor Bloomberg in regards to the Department for the Aging fund request.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest
Chair

Mary Pike and Ellen Polivy
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee

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