

**MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS: MINUTES  
May 10, 2016**

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**Directors in attendance:** First Lady Chirlane McCray, Gabrielle Fialkoff

**Officers in attendance:** Darren Bloch, Leora and Hanser

**Board of Advisors members present:** Rob Speyer, Husam Ahmad, Barbara Bowen, Jill Bright, Hal Fetner, Charlene Gayle, Jon Halpern, Anne Hess, Ron Moelis, Mike Muse, Bill Rudin, Bill Samuels, Stuart Suna, Ken Sunshine, Janet Dewart Bell, Carol Sutton Lewis, Marcia Smith, John McAvoy, Steven Rubenstein

**I. Business**

Rob Speyer opened the meeting and delivered welcoming remarks. He discussed the Fund's successful efforts to help the city end chronic veteran homelessness and its work to significantly increase the number of private sector employers participating in the city's youth employment programs through the NYC Center for Youth Employment.

Next, Gabrielle Fialkoff spoke about the significance of the city's public-private partnerships in helping to develop and implement high-impact, model projects and then bring those initiatives to scale. Gabrielle highlighted the Center for Youth Employment; ActionHealthNYC, a pilot initiative to provide health care access to unauthorized immigrants that are not eligible for public health insurance programs; and Connections to Care, a ThriveNYC initiative that is aiming to increase access to mental health support in community-based organizations serving low-income New Yorkers. She thanked all present for their support of the Fund.

Following, First Lady and Mayor's Fund Board Chair Chirlane McCray talked about the city's commitment to build a more effective and holistic mental health system through ThriveNYC. She played a video public service announcement that the city is now deploying to educate New Yorkers about the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions and to shatter the stigma around mental illness. She explained that the Mayor's Fund is looking to further its outreach to target communities regarding ThriveNYC, from translating public service announcements into different languages to deploying field resources. She also emphasized the Connections to Care initiative's similar focus on community outreach and asked for help and support for that ongoing project as well.

Lastly, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio provided an overview of the state of the city, including recent record setting public safety, the success of universal Pre-K, job growth and record public school graduation rates. The Mayor also highlighted the work of the Center for Youth Employment and the importance of providing internships and other work opportunities to young people. The Mayor asked all present to consider hosting an intern through the Center this summer. The Mayor took three questions from attendees, on youth employment and how the public can support Mayoral control of public schools.

Mayor de Blasio closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Leora Hanser