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AC&C Board Meeting  
September 26, 2013 – 11AM  
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium  
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair  
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary  
Thomas Chan, Director  
Yonaton Aronoff, Director  
Elaine Keane, Director  
Dr. Howard Hollander, Director  
Louise Cohen, Director  
Dan Kass, Deputy Commissioner  
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:37AM.

Chairman Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the next meeting will be in January 2014. He reminded everyone about the signup sheet for comments and requested detailed contact information to allow for follow up to questions asked at the meeting.

Mr. Nolan listed the Board subcommittees with special reference to the Nominating Committee and the efforts made to fill the vacant Board seats. He welcomed the new board members, Dr. Howard Hollander, Louise Cohen, and Chief Thomas Chan (the new NYPD representative). The new members introduced themselves and spoke about their background and their commitment to AC&C.

#### Approval of Minutes

Dr. Kuhlman made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mike Dockett. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### Director's Report – Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

Ms. Weinstock presented details of the growth in staffing and services made possible by the budget increase of \$1.9 million from the City. AC&C continues to focus on improvements within medical operations and the search for a Medical Director.

Service improvements include:

As of July 1, 2013 the Bronx and Queens Receiving Centers are open 7 days/week, 8 hours/day. The Call Center and Field Services hours have also been increased to 7 days/week, 12 hours/day. There will be 12 New vehicles added to the fleet.

The Adoption Program was redesigned and successfully launched on June 27, 2013. Adoption results reflect an increase of 35% since the launch in comparison to the same period in 2012. There are currently 242 active New Hope Partners. A New Hope Advisory Committee was established and the first meeting will be held on October 2, 2013. Foster orientations are ongoing as active foster volunteers continue to foster animals. The quality of life for the animals at the Care Centers are enhanced with soothing music, calming scents, a variety of toys and treats in addition to ongoing mental and physical enrichment provided by the Behavior staff. The At Risk list is now available to the public from 6:00pm to 12:00 Noon. Adoption counselors follow up with those who reserve an animal through the online request.

As a result of a partnership with CUNY, there will be 10 CUNY Service Corp Members working at AC&C beginning September 30, 2013. Of these members, one will be assigned to the Volunteer Program and one to the Foster Program. There will also be a volunteer assessment survey conducted to help identify improvements needed to the program.

A comparison of the period May – August for 2012 and 2013 revealed a decline in euthanasia of 18.42%. Placements for the same period revealed an increase of 10.05%.

Physical improvement upgrades have been made to the three Care Centers and the Bronx Receiving Center.

A Safety Program was formalized and there is a safety committee team at each location.

New signage has been installed at the Manhattan and Brooklyn Care Center. AC&C commercials are featured on local television stations and movie theaters and Pet for Adoption promotions are on Fox 5 Facebook page.

#### Public Comments

The meeting was open to public comments.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at noon.