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# THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

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## **March General Meeting: Mental Illness and the Homeless: How Did We Get Here? How Can We Help?**

Throughout history, communities have struggled to address mental illness in the population. Society has tried many things – mostly without success. This forum will review approaches to mental health care, from before de-institutionalization to today. We will look at how we got to the point of so many homeless people without services, and at the good work of agencies in the Mobile Outreach Consortium in connecting with folks and getting them to accept some help. We will also look at the politics – what actions were taken after the Mayor’s 2022 initiative, and other proposals.

Presenting are: **Richard Siegel, LCSW**, Adjunct Professor at Hunter School of Social Work; **Dr. Joanna Fried** of Janian Medical Care, Medical Director for the Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless, and Medical Director for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium; and **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine**. You can preview the discussion here:

- New York’s Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Initiative: Positive Signs and a Path Forward (<https://tinyurl.com/Hastings-Center>)
- A New Push to Improve Mental Health Care for Homeless New Yorkers (<https://tinyurl.com/TimesNewPush>)

**Please join us on Zoom**

**Thursday, March 14**

**Club Business 7:00pm**

**Forum 7:30pm**

**Register here: <https://bit.ly/2024marforum2>**



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