A delegation of officials from Denmark’s National Labor Advisory Board will be returning to BronxWorks for a second visit, as the result of the success of an earlier visit in which they learned about BronxWorks’ approaches to engaging unemployed adults and disconnected youth. The touring group returns to New York City April 14-20.

The high-ranking Danes, who were referred to BronxWorks by the Robin Hood Foundation, met with BronxWorks on Wednesday, Jan. 23, for a presentation by two BronxWorks senior level staff, Elisa Istueta, director of children and youth services, and Jessica Nathan, director of workforce development. Elisa and Jessica described the programs they oversee and how they evaluate their effectiveness. The Danes also learned how performance benchmarks are determined and used in the American non-profit sector.

The 31-member delegation from Denmark was led by the Danish Secretary of Labor, Ms. Mette Frederiksen, and consisted of her National Labor Advisory Board.

“It is interesting that a nation so well known for its advanced social programs can still learn from the United States,” said BronxWorks executive director Carolyn McLaughlin. “We look forward to the follow up visit this spring.” She will oversee follow-up activities in the weeks ahead.

Prior to visiting BronxWorks, the Danes had met with staff from the Mayor’s Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) and Robert Doar, Commissioner of the city’s Human Resources Administration (HRA). CEO initiatives implemented by BronxWorks include the Young Adult Internship Program, Family Rewards, and Jobs Plus. HRA has funded a host of BronxWorks programs dating back to the Beame administration, including the Homelessness Prevention Program in the past, while it funds case management services for people with HIV/AIDS today.