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Health & Social Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 12 2019 Community Board 11 Office

### **MINUTES**

PRESENT: Joe Bacote, Chair; Sandra Unger, Co-chair; and Maleny Lahoz

ABSENT: Joseph Schaentzler

EXCUSED: Hazel Miura, Joanne Russo-Rubino

**GUESTS**: Contact board office

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

# 1. OASAS Drug Treatment Notification Process

Sandi explained that in order to move forward the applicant must get approval of the property to be bought; show cost of renovations. If it will not fit or is too expensive it will not be allowed. Board would like to see legislation that would require an applicant to give the Board 30 day notice before proceeding with a health facility.

Presentation that Carnegie Hill gave to Health Committee was for a location in upper Manhattan with a door man and the demographics were very different than in Community Board 11. Committee felt that this was not needed in our community as we have many drug treatments facilities here now.

Sandi explained that the 2500 Williamsbridge Road has been canceled and that the 2440 Esplanade site cannot happen because of the subway lines which cause vibrations.

## 2. Montefiore's Diamond Care Program

Ms. Beatrice Rodriguz-Faly explained that this is a Medicaid program for anyone 21 and older who has a chronic condition and needs help with their daily living. It is not a medical plan; but a plan to keep the person living in their own home. It provides home attendants and transfers to and from medical appointments. A care manager oversees and coordinates their daily care. Any equipment needed would be ordered by the program. You do not have to be part of the Montefiore health system; but must live in the Bronx or Westchester.

A Medicaid nurse comes to the home to determine if the person is eligible for these services. If approved, you have your case management plan.

Even if you are not a Montefiore patient your care manager has access to your medical records to give you a better plan of care. Providers must be in the Montefiore network which includes podiatric; vision, dental an audiology. These

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services prove added support to your medical insurance. You must have Medicaid to participate.

# 3. Health Fair

Several options for giveaways at the upcoming Fair in June were mentioned. Those included key chain, visors and hats. It was noted that the city log should be included on the merchandise.

4. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes typed by staff.

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