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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

| Chair | Chad Y. Royer |
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| Meeting Date: | Tuesday, June 20, 2019 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30pm |
| Meeting Location: | Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458 |
| Minutes Done By: | Chad Y. Royer |
| Members (Check Those In Attendance) | ✓ Chad Y. Royer ✓ Gloria Bent ✓ Kevin Davis ✓ Alfred Grant Cristina Contreras Helene (Jake) Wilson ✓ Carmen Miranda |
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Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
 - a. Follow Up From Carlos Tejeda of Montefiore
 - 1. Community Health Specialist Carlos Tejeda was unavailable to provide an update with the results of the study
 - 2. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 31, 2019

IV. New Business

- a. The Health Committee members discussed an event for the Fall of 2019 regarding The Needs For Individuals With Disabilities. Target dates are October 8 and October 15, and Lehman will host the event
- b. Gloria Bent Is working on a Mental Health forum at North Central Bronx Hospital for the next term. Target dates are not available. The committee is very receptive of the idea.
- c. North Central Bronx Hospital is hosting a Health Fair on Wednesday, August 21. They are looking for people for participation and tabling. All are invited to attend.
- d. NY Health Act
 - 1. Roberta Todd was unable to attend the meeting, but was able to present information to be shared with the committee
 - 2. The goal of the New York Health Acts (A.5348, S.3577) is to provide comprehensive healthcare for all New Yorkers and address the disparities in the health care provided to people of color in New York State.
 - 3. A forum was held at St. James Episcopal Church this past Sunday June 23, sponsored by NWBCCC and CB7.
 - 4. Some of the issues mentioned were high healthcare costs, medical bankruptcies, expenses that strangling our economy, and the need for healthcare to be ensured as a human right for all residents



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- 5. Residents are encouraged to reach out to legislators to support this bill. A sample that was presented to the committee is the following: "I heard about the NYS Health Act at a forum at St. James Forum and would like you to support this bill so that it passes in the next legislative session because..." Any reason can be added to the sample as a request for the bill to pass, like I am without health care, I have a pre-existing condition that most insurance companies do not cover, I cannot afford COBRA, I fear that hospital bill will grow out of control if I or my family members get hospitalized, or I am under-employed.
- e. Request For Legislation/Support of New Standards For Training of Restaurants Around Food Safety
 - 1. Frank Cutrone, Community School Director and Health Safety Commission of UFT presented to the committee a concern regarding health in restaurants
 - 2. Allergies is a main concern where many restaurants simply do not have mandates for staff to be trained to attend to someone who has an episode like choking or losing consciousness
 - 3. Over 170 foods have been reported to cause a reaction
 - 4. Many restaurants have First Aid and AED banners, but not many people know how to administer care.
 - 5. Goal is to have restaurants have new mandates and procedures in place to educate staff with the knowledge and ability to assist a person when an emergency occurs. Cutrone is currently soliciting for signatures of support and support letters so that new laws can be put in place.
 - 6. **Motion:** To support the UFT's effort to include as a requirement for restaurant's license to have CPR, AED, First Aid, epipen and malaoxon and opioid training. Motioned by Kevin Davis, seconded by Gloria Bent. Motion passed.
- V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment