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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Royer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 16th, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members Present:	✓ Chad Y. Royer __ Gloria Bent ✓ Cristina Contreras ✓ Alfred Grant __Michelle Gonzalez ✓ Helene Jake Wilson
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes:

- I) Introductions**
- II) Review of previous minutes**
- III) Follow-up from previous month**
- IV) New Business**
 - a) Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, NYSNA, Campaign for New York Health and the Office of Senator Gustavo Rivera are actively performing outreach initiatives to encourage lawmakers to get the New York Health Act passed, such as collecting testimonials from residents and organizing phone banking.**
 - 1) The goal of the New York Health Act is to provide New York State residents medical care regardless of income and immigration status.**
 - b) Community Updates - Lilliam Perez, VP of Government and Community Relations of Montefiore Hospital**
 - 1) Montefiore Hospital was the most affected hospital in the regional one point, but currently has a decrease in number of COVID cases, with 82 cases system wide, 20 intensive care cases system wide, 6037 discharges of critically ill patients and 0 cases at Children's Hospital location as of this meeting.**
 - 2) Currently the State of New York does not have direct guidelines reopening. Montefiore requires individuals to have been tested as**



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negative within 24 hours prior to coming through the doors. Those who come to visit the hospital to receive services or to see a patient will get test results within a 24 hour period, but the hospital has discretion on visits per day. Those who go to a testing site can get a response from New York State in as much as 3 days via call or email. The conditions on reopening will require employees being tested, but each industry has different standards of procedures in testing and use of information.

- 3) Currently, there are no shortages of PPEs for Montefiore staff as of this meeting.
 - 4) For information on Montefiore's COVID page that discusses plans to address COVID and services, go to <http://covid19.montefiore.org/home> or call 844-444-2819. Montefiore has a new telemedicine app called Montefiore F1RST, and it allows individuals to schedule appointments and speak to doctors. New York State of Health open enrollment has been extended for an additional 90 days. They can be reached at <http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov> or at 855-355-5777.
 - 5) If you are not documented and you want COVID testing, you will be treated.
 - 6) Montefiore wants to advocate for school based health centers to open where 250 employees work and services like vision, dental, mental health and primary care are provided. Schools are closed, yet many children from Montefiore based health clinics use school based health centers as their primary care. The suggestion is to have these centers open to the community.
- c) Information on New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center - Cruz Fuksman, Community Liaison
- 1) NYPC is a non-for profit community based clinic that offers mental health treatment for individuals, offers training for mental



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health, and hosts workshops for the community. They have provided service for over 45 years. NYPCC has over 100 therapists available. NYPCC also does volunteer work at food pantries and hosts meetings regarding discussions of important topics affecting the community-at-large like COVID and the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)

- 2) NYPCC Bronx location is 579 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx New York 10451. The office hours for physical appointments are everyday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and the hours for online appointments are everyday from 9:00am to 10:00 pm. The office number is 718 485 2100 and the email is outreach@nypcc.org
- 3) On July 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm there is an event called NYPCC: Talking To Kids About Racism." All are welcome to attend. The Zoom ID is 929 9171 8653 and the password is 916260.

d) COVID Update - Erica Peralta-Downing, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- 1) New York City is in the first phases of reopening. If any businesses have questions about reopening, they can contact the Business Restart Hotline at 800 727 4692.
- 2) Individuals are still being asked to stay home, and to get tested if not feeling well. To find different testing sites, you can go to www.nyc.gov/covidtesting
- 3) New York State has an Emotional Support Services number for residents who may need assistance regarding mental health: 844 863 9314.

- V) Next meeting date: TBD
- VI) Discussion on next agenda
- VII) Adjournment