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Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 P.M.

Via CISCO WEBEX

Present: N. Rosario, H. Acampora, R. Barbarelli, Colonel W. Chin, T. Smith, M.J. Musano, M. Bufano, R. Bieder, S. Hazell, J. Mondello

Absent: S. McMillan, T. Franklin, M. Sajous, D. Hunt

Guests: A. King, L. Jones, V. Nolasco

The meeting was opened by Chairperson Rosario with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 P.M. A. King introduced Theradynamics. The company has existed for over 25 years. It is a physical, occupational and speech therapy clinic. There's a sports lab for athletes. It takes most insurances and can help with insurance search for those without. It opened on June 12 at the Bay Plaza mall. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8AM to 7PM.

Valerie Nolasco, Make A Wish Foundation, introduced herself and the program. The program grants wishes to children with critical illnesses. The program is community supported. It does not ask or have any income limits. 419 wishes granted in 2020. The program wants to find more children in the borough of The Bronx. Looking for mural space along highly trafficked areas. Supplies for the mural must be covered by the business. Nolasco asked for help connecting with community health centers, translators, and internet technology volunteers for the program.

L. Jones introduced the All of Us program on precision medicine. It is an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention. The hope is to gather data and accelerate research in lifestyle, environmental factors, and biology. Program is funded through National Institute of Health. Participation is open to all. It is an opportunity to improve health and a chance to learn more about your own health. Research began in May 2020.

M. Musano spoke of the mandate for vaccination for educators. There is a concern that unvaccinated will have to pay for testing.

The meeting closed at roughly 8 P.M. by vote of adjournment that was unanimously approved by all.