

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chair:	Michelle Avila (Health & Human Services) Victor R. Saldaña (PSQL)
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 <u>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</u>
Members Present	Health & Human Services: Michelle Avila, Untwain Fyffe, Alfred Grant PSQL: Victor R. Saldaña, Myrna Calderon, Samantha Souvatzis, Marahine Sewbhajan, Lowell Green, Monjour Choudhury

Agenda:

I) Introductions

- **Announcement of collaboration of Health & Human Services and PSQL committees.**

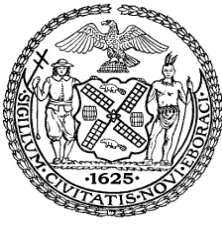
II) Health & Human Services

- **Presentation: LiveOnNY: Iliana Almanzar**

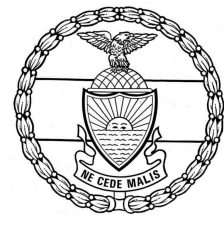
LiveOnNY mission is to save lives, provide comfort, and strengthen legacies through organ, eye and tissue donation.

LiveOnNY works with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life. They care for the families of the organ and tissue donors who selflessly give the gift of life. They advocate on behalf of those who are waiting for a lifesaving transplant and also educate the community about the power of organ, eye and tissue donation.

One organ donor can save up to eight lives. One tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people. There are two types of consent for deceased



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donation: first person consent, which is authorization via registration, living will or last will & testament by the individual who wishes to become a donor, and third person consent, which is authorization for donation by a legally authorized party for an individual who is not registered or who has not otherwise legally declared consent.

In NYS, most patients wait three to five years for an organ transplant. Every 10 minutes another person is added to the national transplant waiting list. The list is managed by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). UNOS uses algorithms to appropriately match candidates with compatible organs.

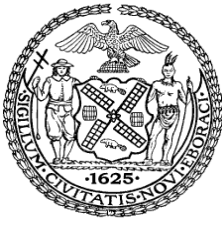
NYS falls well below the national average in percentage of registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Nationally, 62% of US residents are registered organ donors. In NYS 42% of NYS residents are registered organ donors, and in the Bronx 25% of people are registered organ donors.

Communities of color are disproportionately affected by long wait times for organ transplants. Nearly 10,000 people in New York are waiting for a lifesaving transplant, and in the Bronx 1,333 wait for a transplant, 1,247 of those individuals are people of color.

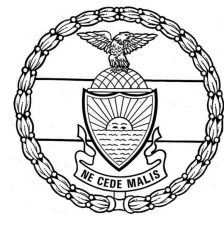
Iliana relayed that doctors will do everything in their power to save a patient. Organ donation only occurs after the death of a patient is declared by a physician who, legally, must not be affiliated with donation. Most major religions support organ donation including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and more. The organ donation process follows strict guidelines to ensure fairness and equity.

What can we do? Talk to your loved ones about organ donation. Sign up as an organ donor by visiting LiveOnNY.org. Follow LIVEONNY on social media [@LiveOnNewYork](https://twitter.com/LiveOnNewYork).

- **COVID19 & COVID-19 Vaccine Updates**
See attached presentation.
- **Montefiore / NYSNA Nurses Emergency Room Update**



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Montefiore acknowledged they received the letter from Community Board 7 outlining concerns raised at the Health & Human Services Committee and general Board meetings.

Montefiore relayed that the leadership of the Moses campus, along with NYSNA, have agreed to create a committee with representatives from management and NYSNA to discuss allocation of positions and to address all ED-related matters.

The Associate Vice President with responsibility over the Emergency Department will be on this committee along with NYSNA representatives to resolve the outstanding matters.

III) Public Safety and Quality of Life

- Report from 52 precinct by Sgt. O'Brien

Dates of the report October 18, 2021 to November 15, 2021.

Stat: 2 rapes, 30 robbery, 49 felony, Arrest-41% to 48%, 2 shootings.

Sgt. O'Brien suggested to avoid auto theft do not leave valuables in the car.

- Open Forum

Public is concerned about mentally and homeless people on Mosholu and Jerome Avenue as Shelter at formally FEGS Bronx Mental Health Center closed

IV) Next meeting date

- Health & Human Services – TBD
- Public Safety and Quality of Life - TBD

V) Adjournment