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Health & Human Services Committee

Monday December 16, 2013 6:30 PM

Present: Chair Hazel Dukes, Dianne Henderson, Christina Curry, Donna Gill, Jennifer Jones, Cicely Harris, Cheryl Smith, Deborah Yates

Absent: Melvin Christian, Ibrahima Diafoune, Steven Watkins

Community Guests:

Katherine Nickson, Community Activist
James Dike, Acacia Network
Bram Weiser, ASK/English Interpreter
Michelle P. Booker, Community Member

Mathew Scampoli, Acacia Network
Paul Hersh, Community Member
Dr. Roy Landon, HECT
Vanessa Clifford, Doctors Council

The December 2013 Health & Human Services Committee meeting opened with an introduction of all Board Committee members and visitors.

Acacia Network

Barbee Healthcare Center- James Dike, Marketing Outreach Director. Acacia's mission is to partner with communities, lead change, and promote healthy and prosperous individuals and families. Acacia is the 2nd Largest Latina Service Provider of Behavioral Healthcare Services in the United States. The Barbee Healthcare Center is Acacia Network's main hub and is located at 266 West 145th Street, 212-690-4002. Acacia's model is an integrated model from primary care, behavioral services, housing, education and economic development. Acacia's catchment area encompasses all five boroughs and their referral base comes from several entities including walk-ins, community at large and Community Based Organizations. Acacia has over 1900 employees and serves 19,000 clients providing healthcare and behavioral services. One healthcare program La Casa Promesa Healthcare Facility (House of Promise) is a 108 bed Adult HIV and AIDS residential facility. Acacia's Adult Day Program located at 915 Westchester Ave is for people who are not stabilized in their HIV or AIDS diagnosis, clients receive breakfast and lunch and social services are on site. Walk-ins are accepted, Acacia gets a lot of clients from the legal system, shelters, hospitals and churches.

Acacia is opening a new youth residential programs for male youth 16-20 years of age who suffer from addiction and are disjointed from their family system. Acacia works with all legal courts and treatment centers to advocate for clients for an alternative to incarceration. The new facility is slated to open January 23rd.

Acacia has a Detox Program with vans that will pick up a client and enter them into a 5-14 day initial program then they move from detox on to rehab which is a 28 day treatment.

Acacia's Barbee Health Center on 145th street is looking to work with the community to serve members of this community who suffer from hypertension, diabetes, Hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, and those in need of pediatric care. Vans that will take patients to our board certified physicians. Dr. David Calimore is the Medical Director. Walk-ins are accepted. The Barbee Health Center also provides care in the areas of Podiatry, gastro, vision care, primary care, HIV counseling and case management. All programs are Medicaid driven.

Member Curry asked if all location are disabled accessible and Mr. Dike stated that they were. Member Curry also stated that the flyer presented at the meeting was not legible for people with low vision because of the background color. Mr. Dike stated that he would make a note of it and change the flyer.

James Dike is the point person for these programs and he can be reached on 718-960-7644 or 347-346-1827.

Dr. Dukes stated that Emblem Health Center is new to the Community as well. She stated that our role as a committee was to inform the community of services available. We will put Acacia's information on the Community Board's website. Dr. Dukes informed Mr. Dike that our committee will be hosting a healthcare forum in the near future and that Acacia will be invited to come and share information on their programs.

Dr. Roy Landon

Dr. Landon teaches EMS classes at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and is planning to open a school in Harlem. He presently operates his clinical training out of Harlem Hospital. Dr. Landon would like to provide free CPR training to high school students but has not received permission to do so. He has approached three Charter Schools but has not received permission as yet and does not have permission from the New York City Public School System. He hopes to open a school in Harlem in January 2014. Dr. Dukes stated that the program costs \$1200.00 and scholarships are offered. Dr. Smith asked to give the committee his background and credentials that qualifies him to deliver the EMS training. Dr. Landon stated he graduated from NYU with two master's degrees one in public communication and another in political science. Dr. Smith also asked what was his request from this committee. Dr. Landon stated that he wanted to inform the community that he was planning to open a school in Harlem. Dr. Landon stated that he is New York State certified by the Department of Health for EMS. People who complete this program are qualified to become an EMS. You have to be a working Certified EMS to teach the

classes. All of Dr. Landon's instructors are certified. Requirements are a high school diploma. The course work takes 170 hours to complete. Dr. Dukes stated that Dr. Landon needed to update his flyer to indicate the certifications he holds, scholarships that are offered and additional information regarding the coursework. Dr. Landon should contact Ms. James with a updated flyer. Dr. Landon stated that 10,000 students have taken his classes and are currently working in a variety of fields including as a New York City Firefighter and private ambulance companies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Dukes stated that she received a letter from Ms. Bette White Chair of the Harlem Hospital CAB stating that it would not be possible to partner with the Health and Human Services Committee regarding the health forum. Our committee will proceed with a plan for our forum to be held possibly the third Saturday in March which is Woman's Health Month, from 8am-12pm. A definite date will be decided once a space is confirmed. We will invite three healthcare providers, Emblem, HealthFirst and MetroPlus who offer services in our catchment area to provide materials. Breakfast will be provided and the focus of the Forum will be the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Forum sub-committee will check to see if there are any registration extensions for the ACA because of the computer glitches. The sub-committee consists of Dianne Henderson, Christina Curry, Cicely Harris, Donna Gill, Cheryl Smith.

Ms. Dukes stated that the Executive Committee has asked that each committee have a forum to offer information to the community. Some possible locations for the Forum are the Harlem State Office Bldg, Tuoro College or the Ralph Lauren Cancer Center and the Columbia School of Public Health. There are some limitations to some of these locations and we must ensure that they are wheelchair accessible. Member Curry stated that Saturday's from 8-12, many for the deaf and disabled go to National Action Network because they provide an interpreter and it is accessible so they may not attend. Dr. Smith stated that if we make it accessible and have something that is particular interest to them they will attend.

We will have navigators and computers on site for registration demonstration. We also plan to offer blood pressure testing and discuss the importance of mammograms. If our forum is held at the Ralph Lauren Cancer Center a women's group is available to discuss mammograms. We should have an idea in January when and where the forum will be held. There is money in the Board budget for forums.

Our January meeting date will be moved a week because of the MLK holiday.

Meeting Adjourned

*** NEXT MEETING: Monday January 27th at 6:30pm ***