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**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10**

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**Health & Human Services Committee**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

Hon. Hazel Dukes, Chair

Hon. Michelle Booker, Vice Chair

**Board Members Present:**

Michelle Booker  
Christina Curry  
Karen Dixon  
Troy Gethers  
Donna Gill  
Cheryl Smith

**Board Excused:**

Ibrahim Diaforne  
Hazel Dukes  
Aleah Gathings  
Deborah Yates

**Absent:**

Barbara Nelson

**Discussion**

1. Henry Rose, NYS Nursing Association - Mr. Rose, accompanied by other guest including Nate Franco, discussed the impact of Health & Hospital restructuring activities on patient care and service delivery. Mr. Rose provided the Committee with copies of "Restructuring the NYC Health & Hospital Corporation"
  - a) Mr. Rose stated that while Mayor DeBlasio has increased the amount of funding to the Health & Hospital Corp, Medicaid redesign, gaps in funding, has enhanced the deficit. Consequently, a hiring freeze remains in the system.
  - b) Nate Franco provided one example regarding the closure of the Acute Rehabilitation Center at Harlem Hospital that raised questions about transparency.
  - c) The Committee informed the group that we included Harlem Hospital as our priority in the district needs statement. Committee member Donna Gill indicated that she went to Albany on 2/20/18 to advocate for the Health & Hospital Corp.
  - d) The Committee recommended that the group provide a list of services that have been closed, downsized, transferred to another location, and/or experiencing low utilization. It was suggested that the group engage the larger community as they are not aware until after services have been removed.

2. Barbara Askins, Harlem Health & Clean Campaign – Ms. Askins provided an update to the committee regarding the 124<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Street clean-up project and the submission of discretionary applications.
  - a) Ms. Askins recommended forming a planning committee for the street clean-up event that occur in May 2018 instead of April to ensure a successful event. The planning committee will include A. Lasalle, M. Booker, B. Askins, T. Gethers, D. Gill, and K. Dixon.
  - b) A discretionary application requesting \$100k was submitted to support community education.
3. Community Concerns
  - a) Ms. Nixon raised concerns regarding the unsanitary conditions by the loading dock at the Key food Supermarket on 139<sup>th</sup> Street & Frederick Douglass Blvd.
  - b) Signs are clocked by Verizon trucks
  - c) Harlem Hospital Clinic staff are not respectful to patients.
4. Old Business/New Business
  - a) Varick Center – members of the community indicated that a new group, Elevate, has started moving into the space. Community residents were concerned with the nature of the business and the individuals operating the facility. Committee members stated that they presented in fall 2017 but was supposed to return with updated information. CB 10 will attempt to schedule a meeting with the provider prior to the March 2018 Committee meeting.
  - b) Committee member Christine Curry announced the following:
    - 3/13/18 - Harlem Independent Living Center received funding from the AIDS Institute to conduct a PSA on HIV/AIDS to the deaf community.
    - 5/22/18 – C. Curry & J. Clarke (Public Safety Committee) to conduct an Active Shooter Forum that will have various presenters including, FEMA, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and NYPD Counter Terrorism. M. Booker will explore the use of the auditorium in Harlem Hospital for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.