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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS COMMITTEE

October 24, 2019

Present: N. Rosario, Chair; D. Hunt, Co-Chair; H. Acampora, B. Bieder, Col. W. Chin, S. McMillan, T. Smith

Absent: R. Barbarelli, M. J. Musano, T. Salimbene, L. Council, T. Franklin, I. Guanill

Guests: R. Ramirez, M. Martinez, J. Seda, S. Colon

Began at 7:05 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

First speaker: Ruth Ramirez, Sr. Program Director for Community Services Department of St. Dominick Family Services. St. Dominick is a multi-faceted service agency for children which began in 1878 as an orphanage and developed into a prevention system for children building a criterion for foster care due to abuse or neglect. The Bronx office is at 1 Fordham Plaza. They get funding through the Office of Mental Health-City & State and Department of Health. Ms. Ramirez was asked if she would assist in sponsoring health events for CB10, her response was yes.

The committee suggested that they build a liaison with our CB10 local hospitals, including the VA hospital. Suggestions and contacts were given to Ms. Ramirez.

Second Speaker: Javier R. Seda – Community Outreach Coordinator for the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution. This agency offers FREE, voluntary, fair, private and non-adversarial process in which a third neutral party (mediator) listens impartially to both sides and helps parties in dispute work towards a win-win solution to some of all of their matters. The types of disputes that can be mediated: youth, special educational needs, family disputes, neighbors vs neighbors, small claims court cases and lemon laws. Mr. Seda is passionate about the work that IMCR does and seeks to enlarge the scope of clients within the Bronx. In addition, there is NO CHARGE for Bronx residents seeking assistance within IMCR. They have three contracts with NYC: NYCHA, Dept of Probation and Family Court.

The committee suggested that he contact the VA hospital for referrals, and the NYPD. He was provided with contacts at NYPD. Ms. Martinez from the council office would like his assistance with the Edenwald Houses.

RESOLUTION: Resolved at the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Health & Human Services & Veterans Committee that the committee establish when it will hold public speaking during its committee meeting of defer to the Chairperson to establish his/her regulations at their discretion.

Bob Bieder – 1st Tom – 2nd All in favor

RESOLVED: Public speaking during the HHS & Veterans committee will defer to the Chairperson to establish his/her regulations at their discretion.

New Business:

- 1: Establish a directory from this committee to post on website
- 2: CB10 Health Expo in a highly populated area sometime during the month of April, May or June.
- 3: Bishop Nancy announced that she is now a member of Jacobi Hospital Community Advisory Board appointed by the Boro Pres. Office.

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm.