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Health and Human Services Committee Minutes 9/27/18

Present: D. Hunt, T. Smith, N. Semaj-Williams, J. Acampora, B. Bieder, L. Council, A. Ponder

Absent: N. Rosario, J. Boiko, J. Ortiz, T. Franklin

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A discussion of the ongoing issues with Montefiore regarding long wait times and overcrowding in the ED, hallway beds, quality of care, adverse patient outcomes, and patient complaints. The committee appreciated the information shared in June by The Joint Commission and the NYS Department of Health and would like to maintain an open dialogue with both of these agencies. The committee would like Councilman Torres, Scott Stringer, and representatives from CB #11 to be invited to our next meeting in October to discuss issues and possible legislation that might provide a solution to some of these issues. .

The Healthy Lifestyle Walk was held in June with a nice turnout. We would like to hold our next walk at the Greenway in Coop City on 10/20 at 10 AM. N. Semaj-Williams and R. Bieder said we do not need the approval to hold our walk there. Perhaps, Montefiore and/or Jacobi can provide water bottles and pedometers.

The committee plans to focus on monthly health observances and would like to focus on breast cancer for October and invite a healthcare professional who can discuss breast health and self-breast exams. We would also like to request pamphlets from the American Cancer Society on Breast cancer and self-exam that we can distribute at the full board meeting in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Hunt PhD, RN