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Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: D. Hunt, S. Hazell, R. Bieder, M. Bufano, M. Musano, T. Smith, R. Barbarelli, N. Rosaro, J. Mondello

Absent: J. Grell, M. Sajous

Guests: N. Arture, S. Nahkle, C. Sering, N. Arture, V. Garcia, K. Raymond, U. Davis, T. Garell

The meeting commenced at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. V. Weldon opened the meeting. Ms. Weldon is a Montefiore nurse. The nurse family partnership program services high risk mothers. Montefiore cut the program this year. It started in 2015. According to Montefiore, reimbursement rates fell. Ms. Weldon spoke of the nurses' collective disappointment. The program successfully treated so many high-risk mothers. The committee recommended contacting state officials to inquire if the new budget dedicates resources to this health program.

Diamond care is Montefiore's long-term care for ages 21 and over. It is a supportive device such as meals on wheels, home care and medical equipment. Patients are typically chronically ill. Montefiore needs help promoting the program. Long term care services are vital for those less fortunate. Medicaid participants are eligible.

S. Nahkle spoke about the New York State of Health Exchange. The Affordable Care Act established that all persons must have health insurance. The state exchange is a marketplace. it contains Medicaid, child health plus, essential plans and quality plans. Your household income determines eligibility. The public health emergency ends on May 11. If you are enrolled in a public plan, you must re-new health insurance coverage. It will affect 9 million people.

On June 10, Throggs Neck BID is holding a health fair. Bronx Community Board 10 will table and offer information.

D. Hunt reminded the Committee that it is Stroke Awareness Month. There are keys such as drifting arms and face and garbled speaking. The meeting closed at roughly 8:15 P.M. by an unanimous vote of adjournment.