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### Health and Human Services

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** D. Hunt, S. Hazell, B. Bieder, M. Bufano, M. Musano, J. Grell, T. Smith, M. Sajous, R. Barbarelli

**Absent:** N. Rosario

**Guests:** J. Camagong, S. Winter, C. Brabham, R. Revina, K. Raymond, L. Robbins, J. Custodio

Meeting commenced at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. K. Raymond is a 20 year nurse at Einstein Weiler. Ms. Raymond spoke of the concerns, over the years, of staff issues, lack of training and poor working conditions. NYSNA reached agreement with management that by the end of May there will be no more hallway patients. Fines could be imposed if the issue arises. There will be emergency staffing ratios. If Montefiore violates staffing ratio, NYSNA has right to raise a grievance that should result in a decision within a month. If not, an arbitrator will render the decision. Committee members expressed support of NYSNA. As of January 2024, nurses will have no more than two of the current eight patients if they have one critically ill patient. If no patients are critically ill, nurses will have no more than eight. Nurse practitioners will also be present as providers. Montefiore agreed to a nurse ratio of less than five for patients that are recovering from medical surgery.

R. Revina presented an overview of the Paid Care Workers and Rights. The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection's mission, in addition to protecting consumers, protects workers. The Paid Care Division reviews workplace violations for all paid care workers. The workers tend to be women of color working as health care workers, home aides and nannies. Paid sick and safe leave is guaranteed. It now encompasses a free mediation program for domestic workers.

Stacy Witter presented on RAIN, Inc., an older adults care provider in the Bronx. It operates 12 senior centers. It helps with many case assistance applications such as reduced fares, Medicaid, SNAP, SCRIE and DRIE. It operates Meals on Wheels and medical visits. RAIN continues to visit seniors as part of its at-home program.

Meeting closed at roughly 8:15 P.M.