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HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

April 2, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: D. Hunt, M. Bufano, S. Hazell, M. Musano, T. Smith, M. Fludd

Absent: R. Barbarelli, T. Salimbene, Y. Álvarez, N. Rosario

Guests: R. Skinner, L. Trevino, M. Coronel-Le

The meeting opened with our Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Skinner, Head of School, introduced the Gillen Brewer School (GBS). GBS educates young people from K through 8th grade with complex learning challenges. It recently launched its middle school programming. The school deploys an integrated academic therapeutic model which entails that each classroom has no less than 6 to 10 students. Each class has 3 teachers. GBS education remains synonymous with a commitment to fostering strong family partnerships, meeting the needs of children with complex learning challenges, and providing students with a well-rounded, authentic school experience.

L. Trevino, Director of Organ and Tissue donation, spoke on behalf of Montefiore. April is Donate Life month. Tissue donation, in addition to organ donation, is just as important as it helps to improve the quality of life of patients. There are roughly one hundred thousand people who need a lifesaving organ. There are roughly 8,000 patients in need in New York State. There are 600 patients who need a kidney that are in the care of Montefiore. There are 29 patients who need a heart transplant. There are 19 patients who need a liver transplant. There are 16 patients who need a lung transplant. There are 15 patients who need a pancreas. At Presbyterian Hospital, 800 patients need a transplant. In Bronx Community District, as of 2023, 10461 has 12,000 residents who are organ donors. In 10464, in 2022, 2,000 city island residents are organ donors. In 10465, 10,000 residents, in 2022, are organ donors. In 2022 and 2023, 14,000 Co-op City residents are organ donors.

M. Coronel-Le concluded our presentations with information on The Selikoff Centers for Occupational Medicine. The program focuses on diagnoses, illnesses and injuries that occur in the workplace. Mount Sinai's program is one of two programs in our city that offers this care. The presentation will be uploaded on the community board website.

D. Hunt and M. Bufano were both re-elected as Chair and Co-Chair respectively by a unanimous vote. The meeting concluded at roughly 8:15 p.m.