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## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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Joseph Russo Chairperson

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Health and Human Services

Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 P.M.

Via CISCO WEBEX

**Present**: N. Rosario, H. Acampora, R. Barbarelli, Colonel W.Chin, T. Smith, M.J. Musano, M. Bufano, D. Hunt, M. Sajous

Absent: R. Bieder

**Guests**: S. Williams (Accessible Dispatch), D. Gordon-Smith, A. Ramirez, E. Peralta (DOH), J. Antonetty, E. de Backer, A. Torres, L. Schaffler, J. Williams, K. Henry, K. Blazevski, Y. Rivera, D. Ma, D. Mandel, J. Jenkins, C. Kim, M. Lopez, T. Sofkoska, C. Martin, J. Blackmon, J. Melendez, J. Adames, L. Council, H. Overman

The meeting was opened by N. Rosario with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 P.M. The meeting began with name introductions as many city agency officials were present.

NYC DDC presented on the animal shelter. It is sponsored by the NYC Department of Health. Animal Care Centers of NYC will operate the site. It is a two-story brick building with roughly 50,000 square feet. Veterinary car will take place on the ground floor. The second floor will compose of the administrative office space. There will be artwork in the building. NYCDDC has selected two artists. The community facility will be offered to neighborhood groups and in some cases members of the public. The City of New York has not defined what type of programming will exist in the community facility. ACC will offer internships and educational seminars on veterinary work. This will be a center for animals and not a shelter. This will offer wrap around services such as counseling for pet owners. Procurement begins in winter 2022. Construction will take place in 2023.

A motion was made by M. Sajous to offer a letter of support. It was seconded by T. Smith. The motion carried unanimously by all attendance.

S. Williams presented on the Accessible Dispatch program. It connects the mobility impaired to accessible taxis. It is available to the entire community. There is no enrollment necessary. Passengers only pay a metered fare. Anyone can call 646-599-9999 no matter the time of the day. It can fit scooters, motorized chairs, and walkers.

The City of New York Department for the Aging presented its My Ride programming. The program will be launched by the end of the summer. It is funded by the State of New York Department of Transportation. It is an on-demand car service for older adults or those with disabilities. It is free

through a mobile-based app. It will offer door-to-door service and will be 24/7 with roundtrip capabilities within the five boroughs including Westchester and Nassau counties. To be eligible, you must be 60 or older or 18 or older with disabilities. Community Board 10 is a targeted area for the program. Interested parties can contact <u>myride@aging.nyc.gov</u>.

N. Rosario mentioned the veterans vaccination bus that is coming to the Sam Young Post on June 4 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. N. Rosario thanked the Veterans Affairs officials for their commitment and partnership. There was neither new or old business.

The meeting adjourned at roughly 8:30 P.M.