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### Health & Human Services

10/25/18

**Present:** Nancy Rosario, Debbie Hunt, Hannah Acampora, Lauren Council, Terence Franklin, Jesalyn Ortiz, Alvin Ponder, Naita Semaj-Williams, Tom Smith

**Absent:** Robert Bieder

**Guest speakers:** Ritchie Torres, Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> District/Chair of Oversight & Investigations; Maricia Stoddard-Pennant, Public Health Educator for Bronx Health Link; Alma Idehen – Program Manager for Albert Einstein Healthy Start Partnership

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Joe Boiko. The committee then moved to its first guest speaker, City Council Member Ritchie Torres.

Council Member Torres led a discussion followed by Q&A regarding the Montefiore Hospital System's Albert Einstein campus and its issues with its Emergency Room Department and hallway beds. Council Member Torres indicated that to date Montefiore – Einstein has not made any improvements or outlined any serious reforms to address concerns. Council Member Torres requested that the committee draw up a resolution asking Montefiore – Einstein to specify their plans for correcting the emergency department and hallway beds conditions. The HHS committee will follow up with his recommendation and draw up a draft resolution by the November Full Board meeting. The meeting then moved onto the second and final agenda items.

Marcia Stoddard Pennant introduced the Community Health Literacy. It focuses on how community residents should prepare for primary care visits and the importance of it and deciding when to visit an emergency room. Alma Idehen presented data and statistics on Infant Immortality in the Bronx and through New York City.

There was no old business. Under new business, the HHS Committee is interested in having a Spring Health Fair.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.