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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Present: D. Hunt, B. Bieder, H. Acampora, T. Smith, T. Franklin, A. Ponder

Absent: N. Rosario, J. Ortiz, L. Council, MJ. Musano

Guests: NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene: H. Emple, A. McGroarty, I. Neely, S. Marshall

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene's Bureau of Maternal, Infant, Reproductive Health and Center for Health Equity discussed the severe maternal morbidity (SMM) statistics for the Bronx. It was suggested that the group do their presentation at a full Board meeting, possibly in Co-op City. A printed report is available in the Board Office.

We also asked for additional data from the DOH and suggested they explore the possibility of home visits for the 6-week check-ups for the new mothers since this seems to be a contributing factor. And for them to explore the possibility of offering a similar program (the one they have at Arthur Ave) in Coop City or Throgs Neck to address the disparities in maternal health in our board area.

Board member T. Smith is a member of Montefiore's CAB. He asked the Committee to gather questions and email them to him which he will forward to Montefiore in preparation for the January CAB meeting. The questions should relate to the on-going issues with the ER at Weiler Hospital.

The Committee discussed the Resolution from the previous Board meeting which is on hold pending language from Council Member Torres.

A Board member asked about a grading system for nursing/rehabilitation centers; it was suggested that research be done on each particular center.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.