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Health and Human Services

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00PM

Via CISCO WEBEX

Present: R. Bieder, N. Rosario, D. Hunt, H. Acampora, T. Franklin, L. Council, R. Barbarelli, T. Smith, M. Bufano, S. McMillan, M. Sajous

Guests: S. Kingston, T. Doherty, J. Caraballo, L. Atlas, J. Hyppolite, D. Mulero, D. Coulibaly

The committee meeting commenced at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Chairperson Nancy Rosario. Mr. Kingston led off with updates about the Bronx Veterans Hospital. Most appointments for veterans are virtual. Veterans are also receiving iPad for those who need internet service to connect with medical providers. Injecting about 200 Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations per day Monday through Friday. Any veteran over 65 years of age may contact the Bronx Veterans Hospital. If veterans are in need of food, they may contact 718-584-900 ext 5475.

Laura Atlas from NYC Test and Trace provided the committee with recent COVID-19 data. Spikes generally occurred due to holiday season from indoor gatherings. The new strains of COVID-19 have been found in New York City. The indications are that the vaccines are successful against the new variants. The vaccines teach the body how to recognize the spike of COVID-19 and then attack. Vaccines may not be widely available to the mass public until mid-2021. There are multiple City of New York websites where you can schedule an appointment.

Our last speaker was Jacques Hyppolite. Mr. Hyppolite discussed the Accessible Dispatch program. Anyone can book a taxi through this program. It is 24/7 service. There is no enrollment necessary. Passengers pay fare set by NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission yellow-taxi rates. The cab rides can go outside the five boroughs but will not pick up outside of the five boroughs.

Board Member M. Sajous, during the new business portion, mentioned her efforts a vaccination site in Co-op City that occur as soon as January 30. N. Rosario mentioned changing the name of the committee to include "veterans." The committee agreed to submit a by-law change.

The meeting concluded at 8:20PM by an unanimous vote of adjournment proposed by R. Bieder and seconded by H. Acampora.