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Joint Health & Social Services and Equity Committee Meeting
April 19, 2021
Webex Meetings

MINUTES

Present: Joseph Bacote (Health Committee Chair), Sandra Unger (Health Committee Co-chair), Durrell Boahen (Equity Committee Chair), Hazel Miura, Naomi Pemberton, Joanne Rubino, Edit Shkreli and Lisa Soto

Absent: Maleny Lahoz

Guests: Alex Jansen and Karol Perez (Albert Einstein College of Medicine students), Michael J. Reichgott (Albert Einstein College of Medicine faculty member), Andrea Siegel (CB11 Board Member) and five members of the public who did not identify themselves

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

- Motion by Durrell Boahen, which was seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 2021 Equity Committee meeting UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
- 2. COVID-19 Vaccination Presentation by Albert Einstein College of Medicine students

The focus of the presentation was to promote the COVID-19 vaccine and to clear up misconceptions and resulting hesitancy. The presenters touched upon topics such as the goals of the vaccine, how the vaccines work, availability, side effects, myths, eligibility, choosing a vaccine, how to schedule a vaccine and what to expect after given the vaccine. In addition, hyperlinks were provided.

Afterwards, questions regarding vaccine equity for communities of color were asked, and a discussion ensued about how to make the vaccine more available. There was also a discussion on how to combat vaccine hesitancy.

There will be an effort to have this particular presentation distributed to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes taken by Joanne Rubino, edited and formatted by staff.

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