

# THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## **Health & Human Services Committee**

Chair	Chad Y. Royer
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, February 19, 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<ul> <li>✓ Chad Y. Royer Exc Gloria Bent ✓ Kevin Davis ✓ Alfred Grant</li> <li>✓ Cristina Contreras Exc Helene (Jake) Wilson Exc Carmen Miranda</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Chad Y. Royer

### **Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
  - a) Members of NYSNA went on strike February 13th. The committee has not received any requests from Montefiore or North Central to come and address the issues NYSNA presented.

## IV. New Business

- a) Project Renewal Bedford Greenhouse Project
  - 1. President and CEO Eric Rosenbaum disgust the project where his organization wants to construct a clinic at a Creston Avenue and Minerva Place site where construction is ongoing. The plan is to provide affordable housing and supplements the complex with a primary care clinic that provides services for elderly, families, women, and children. Services that they would provide our family medicine, Podiatry, Gynecology, women's health, and nutrition.
  - 2. They want to build a greenhouse for gardening and cultivating fish inside a controlled ecosystem where this can provide food all year round. They would like to expand further by providing cooking classes for the communities and partnering with schools to do science classes.
  - 3. 1.5 million dollars is being requested to build the clinic and provide equipment. Although operating funds have been secured, project renewal is asking local government for funding assistance.
  - 4. A few areas of concern raised by the community are unavailability of parking, possible influx of patients with mental health needs, and assessing



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the need for the clinic within the housing structure. Mr. Rosenbaum replied that anyone with mental health needs will be properly referred to another location where Services can be provided and it is his wish to build housing and the clinic together because he feels the homes jobs and health module helps the neighborhood with the availability of services.

- b) Outreach Event on April 4
  - 1. On April 4th 2019, the health committee and Lehman College will co-host Early Intervention in the Bronx Community.
  - 2. The intended audience will be parents, parent coordinators, daycares, school and hospital administrators and the community at Large.
  - 3. The focus of the event will include information about Early Intervention, challenges that affect availability of services and awareness in the Bronx, and navigation of the process.
- c) Social Determinants of Health
  - 1. Carlos Rosario of NWBC and CB5 addressed the need to discuss social determinants of health that affect our communities.
  - 2. some of the subjects mentioned are addressing the rights of residents in our communities and their rights as patients in the healthcare setting, support of programs that help students who get in trouble attain a college education, address issues with the school-to-prison pipeline, addressing policies that provide restrictions to tenants at the favor of landlords and advocacy for a Single Payer Health System.
  - 3. Mr. Rosario would like to broaden his advocacy in our community by gathering stories, setting up Outreach events, and getting more people involved.
- d) Areas of Interest For Next Meeting
- V. Next month's meeting date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
  - a) Outreach Opportunity in upcoming months
  - b) Invite Montefiore to discuss previously mentioned issues
- VII. Adjournment