



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



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## Health & Human Services Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Chad Y. Royer
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, November 20, 2018
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Y. Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Bent <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cristina Contreras <input type="checkbox"/> Helene (Jake) Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Chad Y. Royer

**Minutes:**

- I. Review of last month's minutes**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

- a) Vice Chairperson
  - 1. Kevin Davis was not in attendance to officially accept position as Vice Chairperson via board vote.
- b) North Central Bronx Hospital
  - 1. Currently there is a homeless shelter within close proximity and this adds to the need for expansion of services to accommodate the needs of the neighborhood.
  - 2. Incidents of mental health cases are growing in numbers.
  - 3. More information will be needed to properly address safety and availability of services.
- c) Letter Of Support For Lehman College Speech and Hearing Center
- d) Leslie Grubler, M.A. CCC-SLP is requesting additional funding for the Speech and Hearing Center. She wants to expand the program, do more outreach in the neighborhood, and hire additional staff to support the program. Motion to have letter of support drafted was made by Chad Royer, seconded by Gloria Bent. The motion passed 4-0 in favor of creating the letter of support.
- e) Discussion on Legionnaire's Disease: Erica Peralta-Downing
  - 1. People most at risk are those over 50 years old, smokers, or individuals with any deficiency in immune system.



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2. Legionnaire is a form of pneumonia. Legionella is a common bacteria that is naturally found in water, and they can be either safe or harmful for humans. However, Legionella thrives in hot water sources and can be spread through vapor, like our shower heads.
3. Doctors can test for Legionnaires. A positive test gets reported as a case to the Department of Health, but additional cases within a 12 month period would be needed to see if we can find common factors (like do they live in same building, do they attend the same gym, or are they in the same area) from the previous case or future cases in order to initiate protocols for buildings to follow
4. When buildings test for the presence of Legionnaires, engineers test the water supply by collecting samples. Two consecutive negative results that are thirty days apart would be needed in order to deem a building safe from the presence of Legionnaires and the building is monitored for a year. Buildings also put plans in place to restrict shower head usage.
5. Additional key points:
  - For additional information, individuals can contact 311.
  - If you feel uncommonly ill, or are experiencing fever, body aches, coughing and flu symptoms, and you are already dealing with a weakened or compromised immune system, then go to a doctor to get checked out. Affected individuals can be treated with antibiotics
  - An outbreak of Legionnaires disease simply means that there are over 100 reported cases of the disease within a 12 month period.
  - Building owners, landlords and management companies are mandated by law to comply with any requests made by the Department of Health to address the possible presence of Legionnaires disease and the resident and elected officials are supposed to be immediately notified.

f) Areas of Interest For Next Meeting

g) Crohn's Disease



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h) Medicaid/Medicare

- V. Next month's meeting date**
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. Adjournment**