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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Health & Hospital Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 27, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

SUMMARY MINUTES

Participants from Community Board 7: Socrates Caba, George Berdejo (GB), Nelson Cruz, Reverend Christopher Ponnuraj.

Guest: Leo Trevino, Manager, Organ/Tissue Donation, Quality Management, Montefiore Medical Center

Welcome

The meeting started promptly at 7:05 PM. Note taker (GB) was selected. Members introduced themselves, provided brief backgrounds and their expectations as to their own roles on the committee. Socrates thanked everyone for their participation, welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his vision for the committee moving forward. Leo Trevino was then given the floor

1. Public Awareness

a) Organ/Tissue Donation

Leo provided an excellent overview of the Organ/Tissue Donation Program at Montefiore and his role therein. Expressed that there is a general lack of knowledge and understanding of the issues by the general public and seeks the Board's assistance to further knowledge in this area.

b) Vascular Disease

GB states that there is a similar dearth of knowledge related to the various manifestations of vascular diseases such as abdominal aortic aneurysm, stroke, deep vein thrombosis, and peripheral arterial disease. Also stated that Montefiore and the Division of Vascular Surgery may be willing to cooperate with the CB to sponsor free screenings for those persons with the appropriate risk factors who reside within CB 7

Both Leo and George expressed the need for Public Awareness campaigns within the district and perhaps then throughout the city with CB 7 establishing the model. Greg and the rest of the committee agree that this is a good idea.

ACTION ITEMS: after discussion by board members, Leo and Greg Faulkner, the following action items have been identified:

- i. Greg will seek to get this on the agenda for the Bronx Borough Board Meeting in April.
- ii. Leo and GB will prepare presentations and inquire as to the participation of physicians from within their departments who are interested in presenting at the Bronx Borough Board Meeting.
- iii. Start to plan for Table Top displays for Bronx Week in June which is being sponsored by CB7.
- iv. Identify patients who are willing to provide testimonies at the Bronx Ball later this year.

2. Adjourn

Socrates thanked everyone for staying focused and for great conversations and great ideas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Berdejo