

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## HEALTH & HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MINUTES Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30PM

- I. Joyce Hernández López spoke with Barbara Diorio the Director of Public Relations at North Central Hospital who informed her of a program that brings Carnegie Hall performances to Jacobi Hospital free of charge. She also mentioned that this program will be coming to North Central and will keep us updated.
- II. Carmen Plaja Cordero is no longer a part of Community Board 7. Since she attended the Montefiore Community Advisory Board meetings and was going to keep us informed the committee members agreed to take turns on who attends the advisory board meetings. I will send reminders and we will take turns each month.
- III. In addressing the committees desire to bring awareness to our community by addressing health issues on the national health calendar we discussed the following:
  - A. Diabetes Awareness month Carlos Tejeda from Montefiore Hospital, attended our committee meeting and shared that Montefiore has events addressing this topic and we can use them.
  - B. Great American Smoke Out Joyce Hernández López will reach out to the Smoke Free Coalition and DOHMH for events/activities/information for our community.
  - C. World AIDS Day Stephanie Arthur is going to research if Lehman is hosting an event. Joyce Hernández López will identify a location in order to arrange for a mobile unit for HIV testing.
  - D. Seniors and Health Carlos Tejeda from Montefiore expressed that the hospital organizes brown bags where a pharmacists talks to seniors about best practices when taking prescription medicines. Seniors attending bring their medications and the pharmacist does a personal consultation with each in attendance. We discussed the possibility of hosting one during a committee night at the CB office or arranging a brown bag at a local senior center or another location within our community. In addition Montefiore offers workshops on nutrition by a certified nutritionist, screenings for blood pressure, BMI and glucose. Committee decided to organize an event on senior health issues in the spring.
  - E. Domestic Violence Joyce Hernández López will contact RAPP (Relationship Abuse Prevention Program) to learn more about the program and find out the possibility to bring awareness in the area of teen dating violence in schools in our community district (currently the program is in place such as one is in Theodore Roosevelt Campus)
  - F. Paid Sick leave legislation re introduced by City Council was not discussed by our committee even though it was in our agenda because it was taken out by the Council.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm