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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendees were as follows:
 - A) Dilletta Pina, Committee Chairperson
 - B) Joyce Hernandez Lopez
- II) Excused Members:
 - A) Sandra Erickson
- III) Topics:
 - A) Vision for Webster Avenue
 - B) Meetings with Senior Services Committee
 - C) Update on Area Hospitals Advisory Committee Meetings
 - D) VA Hospital Tour for the Community Board Members
 - E) Public Forum on Mental Health Issues
 - F) Update on Nurses Association Contract with Montefiore Hospital
 - G) Helene Hartman's Food Stamps Promotion
 - H) Improving Committee Members Participation
- IV) Agreements & Conclusions:
 - A) Vision for Webster Avenue - The Committee agreed that the following will be good ideas for Webster Avenue
 - 1) A Three-Star Hotel
 - 2) ADA Compliant Sidewalk from Gun Hill Road to Fordham Road
 - 3) Benches at various intervals as resting areas for pedestrians and people with disabilities
 - 4) Bus Shelters
 - 5) More Green areas and Shared Paths for Pedestrians, Joggers, and Bicyclists
 - B) Meetings with Senior Services Committee - Committee Members were informed that going forward our meetings will be with the Senior Services Committee because the two committees have similar interests
 - C) Update on Area Hospitals Advisory Committee Meetings - Ms. Joyce Hernandez Lopez will contact the hospitals to get the meeting dates and will attend and report to the Committee
 - D) VA Hospital Tour for the Community Board Members-The Committee agreed to look into the possibility of this tour. Ms. Hernandez-Lopez will contact the hospital and report to the Committee with the details.
 - E) Public Forum on Mental Health Issues-The Chair will look into setting up this forum by contacting the Health and Hospital Corporation, and the Dept. of Mental Health, Montefiore Hospital, etc. (hopefully, to hold the event during the Mental Health Month).
 - F) Update on Nurses Association Contract with Montefiore Hospital- The contract agreement was to reduce the ratio of nurse to patients from 1:7 or 1:8 to 1:6 and the nurses will not have to partially pay for their benefits and Montefiore will hire more nurses. This is a very simplistic report of the agreement. More information can be obtained from the NYS Nurses Association.
 - G) Helene Hartman's Food Stamps Promotion - The Chair will contact Ms. Hartman to find out more about what Ms. Hartman has in mind and report to the Committee.
 - H) Improving Committee Members Participation - The members in attendance agreed that the minutes / suggestions will be sent to the members electronically as soon as available to get feedback from the members on a timely basis.
- V) Meeting adjourned