



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 18th, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

I) Updates:

- A) Latest update on the April Health Forum-The two action items for the Committee Chair to follow up on were:
 - 1) Securing the room at the St. James Recreation Center
 - 2) Inviting the Community Relations Department at Montefiore Hospital to participate in the event
- B) Both action items were completed. Ms. Pat Kendly reserved the Gymnasium at the St. James Recreation Center for our event. Wendell P. Alexis, Manager of the Community Relations office at Montefiore was personally invited at the Community Advisory Board meeting that the Committee Chair attended in January

II) Short Term Goals - These remain the same

- A) Assertive networking to get the community members to attend the Committee Meetings and express their health needs (ongoing)
- B) Discussing any issues to present at the General Meeting
- C) Inviting guest speakers from various health disciplines to speak at our meetings (ongoing)
- D) Discuss the possibility of securing a senior center close to the CB7 office to hold our Annual Senior Health Day

III) Action Item:

- A) Contact Jose Candelario, HEP, to get a status report on the progress of the event planning

IV) Guest(s):

- A) Tarique Rumi, Program Assistant at South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, gave a short presentation on The Effects of Smoking on the Human Health.
- B) Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, RN, ED Staff Nurse and President of the NYSNA Bargaining Unit at Montefiore (Moses/CHAM) spoke about the problems of high patient volume, under staffing, and lack of resources and working equipment in the Emergency Department at Montefiore Hospital. Nurse Sheridan-Gonzalez noted that these issues negatively impact the quality of care given to the patients. The ED nurses are very concerned about these problems and want the Montefiore Administration to correct them.
- C) Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth, EdD, CHES, Senior Director, Community and Population Health at Montefiore Medical Center, spoke on behalf of the hospital and emphasized the flu epidemic that the nation is presently going through. Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth also stated that the President of Montefiore has assured its staff that the Administration is "trying New approaches to improve the flow of patients." However, she stated that she will bring back to the Administration the concerns Nurse Sheridan-Gonzalez presented.

V) Meeting Adjourned

Please feel free to discuss any items, ideas, and/or any health issues that are presently affecting our community.
Next Health and Hospital Committee Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2013 from 6:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.