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REVISED HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

I) Attendance sheet in file

II) New Business:

A) North Central Bronx (NCB) Labor and Delivery Closure:

- 1) Health & Hospital would like to extend a special THANKS to the Coalition and CB7's Eleanor Lundeen for rendering the minutes found within.
- 2) Mcleod shared that a team was currently working on a business plan to reopen labor and delivery at NCB. They are hoping to submit this plan to the central HHC office in 2 weeks. Following that they need to obtain approval from DOH.
- 3) Mcleod indicated that they may need to ask for an extension past April 30th. There was also a lack of clarity around the hiring process. Few details about the plan were shared, but it sounds like the program at NCB will be downsized. Midwives seem to be part of the plan, but they will return to a "physician-led" program.
- 4) A group including administrators and physicians are charged with developing a reopening plan.
- 5) The numbers of maternity patients at Jacobi and previously at NCBH has been decreasing in recent years, and especially within the last year.
- 6) Lack of adequate medical staff is a major concern. The new chief has hired one obstetrician and is seeking to hire more.
- 7) Long-term plans for renovating NCBH are best discussed as a separate issue.
- 8) The most important aspect of closure and plans for reopening is safety
- 9) Participants expressed the following "concerns":
 - 10) The current maternity service at Jacobi is understaffed with nurses, yet no search is currently underway to hire nurses for either Jacobi or a newly opened NCBH maternity service.
 - 11) Professionals (doctors and nurses) are concerned with the slow moving pace of planning for the reopening.
 - 12) Decrease in maternity patients is due to the poor services being provided at Jacobi (crowding) and the lack of support for services at both hospitals: inadequate medical and nursing staffing, outdated physical plant, and lack of public relations to promote the unique services offered by both institutions.
- 13) Ms. Saeed, Committee Chairperson scheduled a follow-up meeting for March to give the NCBH Administration time to develop a plan for reopening NCBH maternity services.

III) Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center:

- A) Sarah Bishai-Semerolos reported on the current services provided by the Center.
- B) Membership provides access to 35 of the NYC Parks Department recreation centers in NYC. For more information visit nyc.gov/parks.



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IV) Old Business:

A) Proposed projects TABLED to next meeting:

- 1) Health Fair - Blood pressure screening invite different vendor like health first health insurance.
- 2) On-going program obscenity program - three component exercise, nutrition and support.
- 3) Health resources directory / trifold with contact numbers ie. senior centers, health clubs

V) Announcements:

A) None

VI) Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm