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HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

I. Attendance sheet filed:

- A. Members in attendance: Gloria Bent, Alora Bailey, Alfred Grant, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, Dilletta Pina
- B. Excused Members: Cynthia O'Neal
- C. Absent: Khadijaha Saeed
- D. Non-Committee Members in attendance: Adaline Walker, Nilsa Cintron

II. Topics Discussed:

- A. Status of Montefiore issues
- B. Update on upcoming K2 forum

III. Status on Montefiore:

- A. Committee Chair Gloria Bent welcomed everyone especially those attending this meeting for the first time. Ms. Bent opened the meeting by reading out the agenda. Since the topic of Montefiore would take more time it was introduced first.
- B. Ms. Bent introduced Mr. Wendell P. Alexis, who represented Montefiore at this time. Mr. Alexis proceeded to inform those at the meeting how the hospital has already started to take corrective measures to facilitate the admissions, the overcrowding and wait time in the emergency room and other areas which need it.
- C. Several board members and community people bought up that the letter that was submitted by Montefiore was not clear and to the point. Due to that Ms. Bent and CB7's chair will format a letter with bullets which will clearly lay out the issues the community has with its services.
- D. The board and those invitees gave Mr. Alexis several suggestions to help remedy some of the hospitals outstanding issues. One of which is partnering with North Central's ER. North Central has a system which will inform people how long of a wait time they can expect to have before being seen by a doctor.
- E. In addition, it was recommended that a panel be formed to assist with community issues in the hospital. The panel will include 2-3 members of Community Board 7, 3-4 members from the community. Those chosen for the panel will have no direct involvement with the hospital other than residing in the community. Everyone in the room agreed.
- F. Ms. Marisol Alcantara from the nurses' union also spoke. She gave a presentation and took questions from those at the meeting. Ms. Alcantara informed those at the meeting that the hospital was still understaffed and people were still being admitted onto hallways. One of the stipulations that the nurses have (which is being rejected) is to



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involve the community more with the hospital. Lack of disaster training is another issue the nurses have, which can lead to larger issues in the future. The bottom line is patient care.

IV. Update on upcoming K2 forum:

- A. Adaline Walker-Santiago spoke on the upcoming K2 forum. She informed everyone that the forum will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 at North Central Bronx, exact floor TBA. At that forum there will be several speakers one of which is an expert on the subject, Dr. Patti from St. Barnabas Hospital.

V. Meeting Adjourned