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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance sheet in file
- II) Approval of Agenda:
 - A) The Agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved
- III) Consideration of Open Issue:
 - A) Emergency Room concerns at Montefiore Hospital
 - 1) Mary Fitzgerald, Assistant Vice-Chair and assistant to the President, stated that she was not prepared to answer 10 of the 13 questions, which were sent to the President for review
- IV) Items addressed:
 - A) Patients' wait time, since March, has dropped from 10 hours to 6 hours
 - B) Defined the "throughout initiative" color code definition:
 - 1) The use of color codes (purple and yellow) are used in cases of ER crowding. Example:
 - (a) Color Purple: The patient staff will prepare rooms for ER patients, by deciding whether any patients can be immediately discharged, and the hospital will have beds for ER patients; thus easing the crowding of the ER
 - C) Since March, the hospital doesn't put patients in hallways with privacy screens
 - D) Ms. Fitzgerald left before all the NYSNA Union Nurses could question her lack of knowledge or answer to the Hospital's issues
- V) New Business open for consideration:
 - A) Presenting "The Fight for Community Rights", Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, RNA, President NYSNA. Discussion by Ms. Sheridan-Gonzalez include:
 - 1) Provide sufficient staff to deliver high quality care
 - 2) Stop ER crowding, and no hallway boarding
 - 3) Outreach and Education
 - 4) Providing care to all patients regardless of inability to pay
 - 5) The need for more nurses, and how they need hospitals to hire more students trained in 2-year programs
- VI) MOTION by Cynthia O'Neal-Riley:
 - A) The Health & Hospitals Committee recommends that someone from the Committee be appointed to the Montefiore Hospital Board, on an Annual rotating basis, with an individual to be approved by the CB7 Chair and the Chair of the Health & Hospitals Committee
 - 1) MOTION was unanimously approved by the Committee
- VII) Tour:
 - A) Wendell P. Alexis from the Office of Community Relations, posed that the preplanned Montefiore Hospital Tour is being rescheduled for October 2015
- VIII) Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM by Gloria Bent
 - A) Agenda & Time for next meeting will be announced
 - B) Minutes submitted by Cynthia O'Neal-Riley