



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file:
 - A. Members in Attendance include: Gregory Clarke Sr., Alfred Grant, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, Ruth Santana, Gloria Bent & Alora Bailey
 - B. Excused Member: Cynthia O'Neal-Riley
 - C. CB 7 Members & Staff in Attendance: Adaline Walker-Santiago, Gwen Thomas Steel & Andrew Sandler
 - D. Community Members: Kayon Francis, Sheila Sanchez, Carrie Shumway & Tuoy Holder
- II. Topics on the Agenda:
 - A. Presentation from North Central Bronx Hospital's Administration Staff
 - B. Further Discussion for Future Forums and the Direction of the Committee
- III. Presentation from North Central Bronx's Alfred Grant:
 - A. Mr. Grant gave an impassioned presentation in reference to the upheaval that is going on in the only City Hospital that caters to the Northern Part of the Bronx. We were informed that the Chief Operating Officer of the facility has moved on to another position & that his replacement has been given the Interim Title (Maureen Pode). The facility as it stands is being utilized (via estimates) at 50% capacity. There are areas that are completely empty at this time and the morale of the employees are not at a high level. All decisions are made by the Central Office in Manhattan now so if there are any directives that we would wish to convey; it will have to be sent 125 Worth Street.
 - B. During the discussion, CB 7 Chair Ms. Walker-Santiago shared some information from the Community Action Board Meeting of North Central and the reactions to the changes that have been enacted came with a level of shock and confusion in reference to the executive changes that were dispensed
 - C. Continued spirited discussion was had by the committee members and community members in reference to what can be done at our level to assist NCBH in its strategy to stay a viable option in this area. It was also shared that there were informal talks that NCBH may be closed among the alternatives for the facility
 - D. By the time of the General Board Meeting, there would have been a Public Press Conference held at City Hall on Thursday, April 14th @ 1PM (Those in attendance were encouraged to go, if available) in reference to keeping the Public Health System in NYC OPEN & VIABLE! There are various participants who will appear at this presser which will include our Community Board 7 & the North West Bronx Coalition
- IV. Continued Business & Committee Direction
 - A. It was stated that other than the Mental Health Forum (that is in conjunction with other Committees) for the Fall, that the Committee create a Health Forum in relation to the rights of those who are undocumented, the underinsured and those who may not understand their responsibilities under the ObamaCare Laws.
- V. Adjourned Meeting at 8:45pm