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Health & Human Services and Education and Unhoused & Shelter Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Committee Member Attendees:

Lauren Springer, Chair
Amparo Abel-Bey, Vice Chair
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos

Committee Member Absentees:

Nellie Afshar
John Bahia
Warren Davis
Alyssa Sawick
Leticia Vasquez
Zev Wineberg

Health and Human Services Public Members Absentees:

Olivia Jackson Lewis
Robert Wohner
Andrea Thomas
Judy Zangwill

Community Board 2 Staff:

Rafael Nava, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Dr. Stella Safo, Green Book for Health

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL-isLlabww>

00:00:20 Lauren Springer, Chair of the Health & Human Services and Education and Unhoused & Shelter Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

00:00:38 Green Book for Health Presentation

Dr. Stella Safo, an HIV primary care provider from Brooklyn, spoke about the Green Book for Health Initiative. She shared a presentation and provided the following information:

- The initiative was created by and for members of the Black community in New York and has since expanded into a national initiative. It draws inspiration from the Negro Motorist Green Book.
- There are disparities affecting Black communities, including higher maternal mortality rates among Black women, low and stagnant representation of Black physicians, and higher breast cancer mortality rates among Black women.
- The Green Book for Health Initiative includes a resource guide with trusted information on navigating healthcare services, developed by healthcare professionals alongside community members with lived experience.
- The initiative also offers the Community Guide, a mobile application that provides information on healthcare providers and healthcare centers based on community surveys and testimonials.
- Dr. Safo shared a survey that people can complete to support the organization's mission ([click here to complete the survey](#)).
- A link to the organization's website was provided ([click here to learn more](#)).

00:16:45 Additional Discussion

- The Committee discussed the importance of sharing the Green Book for Health and continuing to inform community members about available resources.

A motion to adjourn was made by Amparo Abel-Bey and seconded by Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos.

The meeting was adjourned.

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