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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
Rabbi Wineberg

Committee Member Absentees:

Nellie Afshar
John Bahia
Warren Davis
Alyssa Sawicki
Phugelzen Sherpa
Leticia Vasquez

Health and Human Services Public Members Present:

Andrea Thomas

Health and Human Services Public Members Absentees:

Olivia Jackson Lewis
Robert Wohner
Judy Zangwill

Community Board 2 Staff:

Rafael Nava, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Belis Sanchez, NYC Health Department

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

Note: Reference to the YouTube video and the associated time-in-meeting stamps are offered here as a service to community members who wish to review the meeting.

Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

YouTube Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ymCwVE3PPM>

0:00:08 Lauren Springer, Chair of the Health & Human Services and Education and Unhoused & Shelter Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

0:00:54 New Family Home Visits Initiative

Belis Sanchez from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene gave a presentation about the New Family Home Visits Initiative. ([Click here to view](#)) The presentation provided an overview of the initiative, information about the Coordinated Intake & Referral (CI&R) System, and home visiting programs available through the CI&R System. She shared the following information:

- The New Family Home Visits (NFHV) Initiative is a Mayoral initiative that supports the citywide health equity goal by identifying maternal health needs during pregnancy or soon after childbirth, preparing families for delivery and a new baby, and connecting families to needed services.
- For interested individuals, there is a New Family Home Visits Initiative Referral Form ([Click here to view](#)).
- The Coordinated Intake & Referral (CI&R) system is a multi-faceted, HIPAA-compliant, web-based tool, built within the Unite-Us platform.
- The CI&R system provides a fast and efficient way for NYC health care and social service providers to manage, track, and share family referrals with partners within their care network.
- For a full directory of programs and resources available through the CI&R System, ([Click here to view](#)).
- All services are provided regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender, or immigration status.

Primary Care for All Americans

The committee originally had a presentation scheduled from Primary Care for All Americans (PC4AA), but PC4AA were unable to attend the meeting.

0:33:28 Committee Membership Updates

The committee welcomed Rabbi Wineberg as a new committee member. Committee members introduced themselves and spoke about recent committee activity, including a letter of inquiry sent to city agencies regarding the conversion of the City View Shelter and the Home2Suites Shelter from family shelters to men's shelters, where concerns were raised about agency transparency and communication. Committee members also described previous committee meetings, including past guests and presentations that stood out to them, such as Witness to Mass Incarceration, founded by Evie Litwok.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rafael Nava