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Health and Human Services Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2017 - 6:30pm

Hon. Dr. Hazel Dukes, Chair
Hon. Michelle P. Booker, Vice-Chair

Attendees: Hazel Dukes, Michelle Booker, Christina Curry, Karen Dixon, Aleah Gathings, Donna Gill, Barbara Nelson, Deborah Yates, Cicely Harris

Excused: Melvin Christian, Ibrahima Diafoune, Troy Gethers, Cheryl Smith

Summary of Community Board functions for High School Students

- High School Seniors attended the meeting with an assignment to learn more how community boards work. The Chair and members of the committee provided a narrative of the workings of the Health and Human Services Committee and the board. Hospitals, healthcare providers, non-groups and community residents attend our meetings to express concerns and/or request support for institutional health programs. One of the community's pressing concern is the over-saturation of providers for homeless based programs as well as programs for alcohol and substance abuse. Although there are many providers for treatment of addiction, we are not seeing progress. The population of individuals who are, in need of, these services appears to be increasing. To see more progress with the treatment providers, we need more wrap-around services including mental health services to aid in the total recovery for this population. We discussed the public safety concern, especially for our youth. Some of the providers for treatment have their facility near schools, which poses a public safety concern for children. The high school students were also informed of the application process to become members of a community board.
- Emely Santiago, who works at the New York State Institute discussed the importance of additional mental health services needed for youth as well as adults.

There were no voting items during this meeting

- *Minutes prepared by Michelle Booker*