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Health & Human Services Committee
Monday September 16, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Chair Hazel Dukes, Melvin Christian, Donna Gill, Jennifer Jones, Cicely Harris, Deborah Yates, Stephen Watkins

Excused: Dianne Henderson, Christina Curry, Cheryl Smith

Absent: Ibrahima Diafoune

Community Guests:

Katherine Nickson, Community Activist; Dr. Robert Goldberg, Touro College

Valerie Wright, Harlem Hospital; Annie Wu, Columbia Journalism School

Madeline Cumming, Columbia; Sam Kaplan, Ryan Adair Clinic; Paul Jasmin, Harlem Resident

Stephanie Jones, Harlem Resident

The September 2013 Health & Human Services Committee meeting opened with an introduction of all

Board Committee members and visitors.

Summary

Jennifer Jones is stepping down as Co-Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and Dianne Henderson will assume the responsibilities of Co-Chair.

Christopher Thompson the Director of Community Options was scheduled to attend the September meeting but called today, September 16th to cancel.

District Needs Statement

Chair Dukes stated that it is difficult to determine the needs of the community at this time with the pending implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The Health and Human Services Committee will submit the District Needs statement as is.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Nickson complained that she continues to have problems making doctor's appointments at Harlem Hospital. Chair Dukes mentioned that a new system was in place for patients to confirm their appointment because of missed appointments.

Sam Kaplan from the Ryan Adair Program announced an upcoming event scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013. It is presented by the New Hope for the World Ministries, Inc. It is entitled Reach Week in NYC and will be held at the Harlem State Office Building from 10:00 AM – 6:00pm.

Valeria Wright from Harlem Hospital has several announcements the Harlem Hospital Super Community Blood Drive on Thursday September 19, 12:00-6:00 pm at the Harlem Hospital Center; the Harlem Hospital's Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes scheduled for Saturday, September 28; Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday October 20, 2013. If interested in joining the Making Strides for Breast Cancer team please contact Carlotta Low-Sanchez at 212-939-1278 or Carol Brutus at 212-939-1279. Ms. Wright reminded us that WHCR, 90.3 FM City College radio station airs 'Healthy Harlem' program every Thursday at 7pm.

Melvin Christian reported on the renovations at the Harlem Nursing home located on 138 Street. He stated that a wall has been removed and that the Home is waiting for additional funds to complete the renovation. Mr. Christian is discussing healthy eating and nutrition with the seniors at the Nursing home.

Dr. Dukes has been appointed to the Touro College Advisory Board to represent Harlem.

Dr. Goldberg of Touro College talked of an initiative spearheaded by Dr. Palmer on how to provide funding for students to attend college. They plan to start a program at the elementary and secondary school level to prepare our students for the medical field, Pharmacists in particular. He stated that there was not one black male in the freshman class of 2013.

Community Advisory Board Updates:

- Harlem Hospital/Renaissance CABs – No Update

- Metropolitan Hospital- Steven Watkins reported that there is a new Chair for the Metropolitan Hospital CAB. The 99 Street Sanitation Depot is having capacity issues and has received a long term lease near Potamkin near fields on 128 Street. All vehicles will be at this location going forward within the next year. Steven also reported on a new system in place to help deter patients from abusing drugs with multiple prescriptions. This practice is called drug diversion where the prescription is written for one person but someone else uses it. In order for the new program to work a physician must access a patient's prescription history. There is some concern over a patient's privacy and how this information is accessed. Dr. Goldberg stated that there are measures in place to prevent abuse of a patient's medical history, Dr. Goldberg also stated that there are more deaths from prescription drugs than heroin.

Meeting Adjourned

***** NEXT MEETING: Monday October 14th 6:30pm *****