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Health & Human Services Committee

Monday November 17, 2014 6:30pm

Present: Hazel Dukes, Michelle Booker, Christine Curry, Cicely Harris, Deborah Yates, Manuel Rivera

Excused: Donna Gill, Jennifer Jones, Melvin Christian, Cheryl Smith

Absent: Ibrahima Diafoune, Khalifa Diop, Steven Watkins,

Community Guests:

Mark Goldberg, Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP)

Valerie Wright, Harlem Hospital

Kevin Lewis, Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP)

Robert Goldberg, Touro College

Dr. Kai Smith, GRAAFICS

Katrina Rawlins, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

GRAAFICS - Dr. Kai Smith

Dr. Smith is the founder and Executive Director of GRAFFICS which is newly located on 150th Street and Frederick Douglas Boulevard. Originated in 2003 and has been based in Brooklyn. He is coming to the Health Committee in hopes of receiving help with obtaining mobile vehicles that provide free dental & health screening. GRAFFICS is Gang diversion organization and a Board of Education Vendor. At this time they are not based in any school in Harlem only in Brooklyn. They are focusing north of 145th street because he sees a need in that area. GRAFFICS hosts weekly events on Monday they host a re entry program, on Tuesday Anger Management, Wednesday Crime Victims Program with Harlem Mothers Save and Jackie Rowe Adams. GRAFFICS has been directed to Public Safety meeting and Education, Youth and Libraries Committee Meeting and advised to bring their curriculum outline and request that the Education Youth and Libraries Committee give a letter of support for Gale Brewer. GRAFFICS was also asked to provide letters of support from schools they have a relationship with in Brooklyn. GRAFFICS should reach out to Columbia University who employs a free dental mobile unit; Dr. Goldberg of Touro College stated that he will supply students to do the screening if able to get the mobile vans. Dr. Dukes mentioned that there are a number of services that are being offered in our community from organizations such as Harlem United and SNUG. Board member Christina Curry of Harlem Independent Living Center stated every child above 110 Street qualifies for special needs services because for PTSD. Harlem United has a medical mobile unit

Dr. Dukes will send a note to Gale Brewer stating that GRAFFICS met with CB10 Health and Human Services Committee. Dukes will copy him on the email to Gale Brewers staff.

Child Welfare Organizing Project CWOP

Mark Goldberg and Kevin Lewis presented before the committee. CWOP is Located at 80 E110 street, Suite 1E, 212-348-3000 and was founded in 1994 through Hunter College school of social work. CWOP helps parents organize within the Child Welfare System to keep families together. CWOP hosts support groups every Thursday 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm. Health and Human Services Committee can refer CWOP to other organizations such as Harlem United and Harlem Independent Living Center that works with any person with developmental disabilities to get direction for your program. We don't sponsor any programs we advocate for the community. Dr. Dukes will ask our District Manager to give them all the social services agencies in our area. And Dr. Dukes will ask that CWOP be added to the list of organizations that offer services in our community.

Hospital Community Advisory Boards

Lyle has been approached about some medical problems at Harlem Hospital. Dr. Dukes asked member Deborah Yates regarding any complaints at the hospital. Member Yates has not heard of any complaints and there have been no discussion of contracts at the monthly CAB meetings. Member Christina Curry mentioned that she had left the last meeting and went to the Emergency Department at Harlem Hospital and she never saw a doctor and she found it a little scary. Vanessa Clifford from doctors' council mentioned that there is some concern about the need for additional doctors in the Emergency Department. Harlem Hospital is working on getting staff in the door but currently has a deficient. With the new leadership coming into the Emergency Department hopefully new staff will be recruited. Deborah Yates who is the Harlem Hospital CAB representative should speak to Dr. Soares and Ms. White who is Chair of the CAB to follow up with the issues that have been raised tonight.

Valerie Wright of Radio Station WHCN at Harlem Hospital mentioned that December 1 is World Aids Day.

Breast Examination Center of Harlem (BECH)

Katrina Rawlins of Memorial Sloan Kettering, and they are located at the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building on the 4th Floor. They have been there since 1979 and they provide breast cancer and cervical cancer screening on the premises. Housed in Harlem because there is a high rate of breast cancer in Harlem and lack of access to services. Colorectal screenings are done but off site hospitals perform the colonoscopy. BECH accepts patients who are uninsured. BECH is partially funded from the NYS Department of Health. BECHs services are open to all NY State residents including undocumented patients. BECH mural designed by breast cancer survivors in 2004 on the can be seen on the side of H&M. BECH hosts two annual events one for minority cancer week which is the third week in April, open to all, and also in October for National Breast Cancer Awareness month. A new program within the last two years is head and neck screenings which is a growing area of cancer. Ms. Rawlins can be reached on 212-531-8035 or at

rawlinsk@mskcc.org. Dr. Dukes invited Ms. Rawlins to attend the monthly Community Board meetings which are held at the Harlem State Office Building. Dr. Dukes also mentioned that the Health and Human Services Committee is looking to have an event next March and maybe BECH can be a part of the event.

Dr. Goldberg - Touro College

Dr. Goldberg reported on a fundraiser that was held for scholarship for school of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Goldberg thanked Dr. Dukes for attending the event. There is no tally of exact money raised but a donation of \$50,000 was given by Dr. Patel and will be matched. About 60-people from the community and 20 from the school attended. Touro College is looking for students within the Harlem Community that are interested in attending medical school to receive the scholarship there will be an additional fundraiser held in the Spring of 2015.

Meeting Adjourned

*** NEXT MEETING: Monday December 16th at 6:30pm ***