



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Health & Human Services Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: February 7, 2023

TIME: 7:00PM

IN PERSON: No

VIRTUAL: Yes

SPEAKER: Yes

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board
Diane Peruggia, Chair, Health & Human Services
Vincent Bonomi
Patricia Conway
Carmine Gualtieri
Harold Kozak
Michael Pinto

Committee Members Absent

Verna Lauria
Vincent Malerba
Dennis McKeon

Board Members Present

Al Klingele

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Dr. Diana Romero, CUNY School of Public Health, NYC
Samantha Weckesser, CUNY School of Public Health, NYC

Public Contact – No Speakers

Agenda

Health Equity and Access to Care (HEAC) in NYC Focus Group Project - the CUNY School of Public Health is partnering with the NYC Department of Health to learn about people's healthcare experiences and recommendations for improvement.

The NYC DOHMH (Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) conducted an analysis that revealed significant differences in New Yorker's use of hospital services:

- *People of color* and those *with no or public health insurance* were more likely to use *public/safety-net* hospitals
- People who identified as *white and/or with private health insurance* were more likely to use *private* hospitals.

This data was collected from NYS SPARCS (Statewide Planning And Research Cooperative System.) SPARCS data are limited to what hospitals collect/report, which is of a quantitative nature. While the data explains "what" is happening, it cannot explain "why" it's happening. This is the impetus for the Focus Group Project.

They are reaching out to many community based organizations including DOHMH grantees, Community Boards, Borough Presidents' offices, DOE Parent Coordinators, Wellness Councils, CUNY School of Public Health, In-person city-wide events. They welcome any and all suggestions from the public on how they can increase their scope.

Full presentation on file in the Community Board Office

Old Business

None

New Business

- February 25th, 2023 **Beatles Blast** at the St. George Theater
- March 9th, St. George Theater **Minty Awards Gala** honoring *Dennis McKeon*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Peruggia

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Chair, Health & Human Services Committee