

**CB 9 HEALTH MEETING DECEMBER 2019**

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Date : Monday December 9

Location: 18 Old Broadway

6:42 Quorum

present: Miriam, Heather, Narda, Adam, Monica

Guest: Pauline Ferrante, DOH

**1. Guest speaker: Pauline Ferrante DOH, Community Liaison**

- suggest we invite City Homeless Outreach, they are on the ground know more about substance abuse issues in every community
- committee requested: List of harm reduction facilities
- DOH reccos daily treatment/ out patient but also notes community concerns when they work with OASIS to give recco.
- Highest % of OD East Harlem & Hunts Point, highness, Central Harlem then WAHI
- Provided community health report: citywide and districtwide, has multiple indicators that determine health outcomes
- social economics big factor in health outcomes/set backs. sites stress (rent) can lead to mental health and hyper tension, addiction etc...
- Q on : Lead Poisoning NYCHA Q rate of lead poisoning in those area. DOH owes our specific # are citywide. Also noted problem bigger in rent stabilized + brownstones
- Q any proactive work on LEAD? warning building residents this building tested positive. partnered with DOB send a notice to all families in the community. Send a notice to other families
- Q how do you get this data: surveys, hospitals

**Discussion about Vaping:**

- Lung related injury, still no data: even who is using where they are buying
- Suggestion to DOH: add detectors to schools (currently in private schools)
- 1-6 HS students & MS users, aiming towards children. DOH Providing tools for kids to advocate for.
- DOH: vaping targeting middle aged white, easier for kids to hide it from parents.
- 2 deaths in NYC: 17, 30 yrs both males.
- DOH did not endorse vaping as a safe alternative, but it was helping get people off cigarette smoking, but it was helping get people off cigarette smoking

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- working with Teen orgs on this
- DOH: City will ban vaping, in the works
- DOH: voluntary buildings to go smoke free. all new lease holders, rent stabilized exempt from no smoking - can't evict over smoking

**2. Q's concerns legalization of cannabis:**

- #1 drug use in our community, its smoking, any smoke is not good for you.
- Lung cancer? Per DOH report Lung Cancer a big cause of death in our community **Lead cause of death in NY: heart**
- DOH has not spoken about it, it is an illicit drug. Cannabis legalization not a priority
- Recco DOH do more, to give info on cannabis use dangers
- DOH priorities are whole city

**3. Req more info/clarity for a January-Feb follow up meeting:**

- Asthma rates highest in community than whole country per DOH housing stock, poor housing cause
- senior health concerns
- School nurses UFT/DOH or DOE
- Community Pet health issues: only handle dog licenses, rabies, mosquitos
- DOH general issues: new programs health equity, local health centers. health bulletins, vaping a priority, diabetes- on website , resources for most people in NYC:
- DEP general monthly meetings reports on Riverbank
- Committee suggest DOH do more proactive communications health issues few people look at websites for information, use public kiosk: DOH lacks \$, potential

**4. Suggestions CB9 health forums to submit by January to treasurer.**

- 1.vaping focus on youth outreach education participation
2. cannabis update: Health: CBD/THC, medical access impacts on NYCHA residents & ACS

meeting adjourned: 8:05