

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM

Co-Chairs: Hon. LaQuita Henry (P), Hon. Edwin Torres (P)

Members: Hon. Miriam Aristy-Farer (A), Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero (P), Hon. Jenny Garcia (P), Hon. Heather Jason (P), and Hon. Patricia Ramos (P)

Guest: Steve, Sue Peters, Terri Lowe, Theodora Scarato, Tye Woodson-Craig, Vickie B, Victor Edwards, Wendy Malliet, Jill McManus, Sharon Cook, Sharon, Sharlene R. Forbes, Satrina, Rosalyn Graves Wilson, Pepsi Parker, Nicole Grant, Morgan Tiggs (Community Liaison Al Taylor), Monica Dula, Michelle Booker, Lauren Bond, Julie Mardin, JoAnne Challenger, Idoris Conner, Dilem Valenzuela, Deborah Levine, Darlene DeFour, CJ, Cherly Marius, Andrea Webster, Adina Johnson, Odette Wilkens, Kim Singleton, Robert Bobrick, Stephanie McGraw, Paul Phillips, Nicole Barth-CM Bottcher, Terri Lowe, Eutha Prince

Call to Order at 6:37 PM by Co-Chair Edwin Torres and 2nd by Co-Chair LaQuita Henry

Adopt Agenda: Co-Chair LaQuita Henry, 2nd by Hon Edwin Torres. Some sections will be postponed due to time

Adopt Minutes from December 2022, tabled for the next meeting to allow members to review.

Presentations:

<p>NYC Hospital Nurses Strike</p>	<p>NY Nurses Association -Jeremy Markman Mt. Sinai Morningside and Mt. Sinai West are under the same contract, and they have reached an agreement. However, Mt. Sinai (1 Gustave Levy Place) and Montefiore have not settled and decided to do a strike. We want to make sure that language is used appropriately so that enforcement and accountability are addressed. Several issues such as no breaks, long hours, and no relief when needed have created unsafe situations for nurses and patients. Medical care has become money and profit-driven, but it's not working for people. COVID-19 vaccine mandate has not been an issue, nurse are frontline workers with high vaccination rates. We have a lot of support; our nurses went to care for people. #patientsoverprofits There will be a report back in February Join nurses on the picket line as we strike for a fair contract!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montefiore Moses - 111 East 210th St., Bronx • Montefiore Weiler - 1825 Eastchester Rd., Bronx • Montefiore Hutch - 1250 Waters Pl., Bronx • Mount Sinai Hospital - 1 Gustave Levy Pl, Madison & 99th, NY
<p>How Pa'lante Harlem Helped Fire Victims in Recent</p>	<p>Edwin Torres, who is a board member for Pa'lante</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every crisis has a honey moon-faced, we have seen support from the outside, and now is the time to keep ongoing support for tenants, which is difficult.

<p>Hamilton Heights Fire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and coordination occurred between Pa'lante and Heritage Health for tenants to receive urgent medication that was lost during the fire • CBM9 has been donating space for tenants to receive help with legal services, and resources.
<p>We All Really Matter (WARM), Inc. on Domestic Violence</p>	<p>Stephanie McGraw (weallreallymatter@gmail.com 646-466-0338) and Dr. Thomas Ryer (tryer.warm@gmail.com (646) 591-0533)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting a six-month workshop on how to create a safety plan and how to get out of a domestic violence situation. • A new program for men will be led by Dr. Ryer, on how to create healthy relationships, and men's healing which will help to eradicate domestic violence. • We do outreach to both the community (at the streets and barber shops) as well as schools. We will be presenting at Saniyah Lawrence school to address domestic violence.
<p>Cellphones and Wireless Transmission effect on Health/ he Link5G Poles www.wiredbroadband.org https://ehtrust.org/ NewYorkers4wiredtech</p>	<p>Theodora Scarato (Theodora.scarato@ehtrust.org), Sue Peters and Odette Wilkens (owilkens@wiredbroadband.org); Julie Mardin (newyorkers4wiredtech@hushmail.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation regarding the effect on Health from 5G towers was provided, however, a more comprehensive and detailed presentation is needed. Please see the below links. • The telecom industry could use alternative methods to deliver high-speed communications to consumers such as fiber-optic network technology for the fastest, most reliable internet, which is safe for all. • We have until January 16 to ask for reconsideration for four 5G towers to be placed in our area: 1060 Amsterdam Ave, 2880 Broadway, 1181 Amsterdam, and 1125 Amsterdam. We can follow CM8 on how they disapproved 5G towers being placed. These sites are in a residential area, across the hospital, near St. John the Divine, and most concerning from a fire station. • 5G, 4G, 3G small cell tower radiation health effect science • Peer Reviewed Published Research on Cell Tower Radiation, Base Station Radiation and Health Effects • The New Hampshire State Commission on 5G found credible evidence that wireless from cell towers was not safe and they recommended a 1640 foot distance for cell antennas from homes. New Hampshire State Commission 5G Report • FAQs on 5G https://ehtrust.org/key-issues/cell-phoneswireless/5g-internet-everything/20-quick-facts-what-you-need-to-know-about-5g-wireless-and-small-cells/ • You can watch firefighters testify against cell antennas on their stations here https://ehtrust.org/firefighter-unions-opposing-cell-towers/

- [The Effect of Continuous Low-Intensity Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields from Radio Base Stations to Cancer Mortality in Brazil. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2021;](#)
- A study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found higher exposure to cell network arrays linked to higher mortality from all cancer and specifically lung and breast cancer (Rodrigues 2021). https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/3/1229?fbclid=IwAR0xipRSBDd5wfRAv4XqR_NHKfPGK2rvaWWyycAEjYhpajMH9uq0jltcjAg
- A 10-year study published in Science of the Total Environment on cell phone network antennas by the local Municipal Health Department and several universities in Brazil found a clearly elevated relative risk of cancer mortality at residential distances of 500 meters or less from cell phone towers (Dode 2011). <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0048969711005754>
- 5G will not bridge the digital divide <https://ehtrust.org/the-fcc-undue-corporate-influence-digital-heroin-and-why-5g-wont-bridge-the-digital-divide/>
- In fact, a 2020 Report by the U.S. The Government Accountability office concluded that, “The experts GAO convened also stated that 5G deployment would likely exacerbate disparities in access to telecommunications services, known as the “digital divide.” <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-20-468.pdf>
- ProPublica: How the FCC Shields Cellphone Companies From Safety Concerns by Peter Elkind <https://www.propublica.org/article/fcc-5g-wireless-safety-cellphones-risk>
- Columbia PhD who worked on this or years <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgECRrabuZQ>
- <https://www.cosmoslab.org/>
- <https://newyorkers4wiredtech.com/cosmos-innovation-zone-in-west-harlem/>
- [Minutes and draft resolution by CB 8](#)
 - ➔ We will have a special session in order for CB 9 to adopt a resolution regarding 5G towers in our neighborhood.

<p>THE TAU OMEGA CHARITABLE FUND FOUNDATION, INC..(WHDC Grantee)</p>	<p>Wendy P. Malliet, Chairman 2214 Frederick Douglass Blvd, Suite 250, New York, NY 10026 email: tauomegacharitabletrust@gmail.com Making it Through Program for college students. Mental health for young adults in college. The mission statement is to improve the mental health of young people attending college with ties to West Harlem. Our objective is to at least 100 young adults.</p>
<p>Letter of Support for Illana Mercado</p>	<p>Is still being reviewed.</p>

Morgan Tiggs introduced herself, she is the Community Liaison for the Office of Assembly Member Al Taylor. Contact information: tiggsm@altaylorfornny.org - 212-234-1430

Adjourn meeting at 9:02 PM : 1st motion by Hon. Monique, 2nd by Hon. Patricia Ramos,