

H&E MINUTES MAY MEETING

6:30pm present: Jenny Garcia, Edwin Torres, Miriam Aristy-Farer, Heather Thomas, Narda Carrion, Monica Dula Ray & Eutha

Guest: Deidre from Youth committee co-chair, Victor

Quorum: 6:40pm

Adjourned 8:04pm

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1. Welcome. Acknowledge new member, Narda's work on reso we will review today
 - Miriam/Edwin: how do we escalate Health as a priority. Race matters. We do not have a good start-lack of equity from childbirth facilities (Mt Sinai West elimination of birthing suites) to a pandemic.
 - no minutes from last meeting, will be issued with this month
 2. **Reso Review:** Narda: new form of emergency planning based on what we now know based on Covid. Discussion:
 - Edwin: history background on social distancing: 300 years old
 - Deidre shares Cornell concerns, still do not have cure/ subway
 - social distance is a privilege in many ways, social determinant of health based on economics Covid has made it exponentially clear.
 - Edwin: Currently low volume of COVID patients, but people coming into hospital are sicker -people waiting to go to hospital, seeing more critical
 - **Reso Action: should be shared with other CB's, when we come back to the table make sure everyone is working together more**
 - **Q: should we ask/add:** for something else in specific that impacts our community, bring to the attention that its is pandemic emergencies disproportionately affect our community with housing disparity, nurses, MTA & other workers who are essential and live in our community. Should we ask for worker Hazard pay (which should include food delivery workers, cashiers at bodegas, supermarkets, all essential workers) other disparities? voucher for healthy food
 3. **Q Should we do separate reso highlighting health disparities & how our community is impacted. tie it all together since COVID has made it all very clear**
 - talk to healthcare provider, system what they look like, co pays/healthcare system inequities
 - lack of affordable healthy food access, impacts of toxic stress, hospitals eliminating birthing suits in COC, impacts of poverty on health (housing)
 - Took Roll call: all embers present voted yes with amendment to add as suggested background on this Pandemic affecting black and brown communities of color like ours more to maybe 1st paragraphed or another area

4. Our committee Opioid crisis summary: where are we? next steps

Miriam: left off meet with OASAS get community info/data then meet with Argus

- ***Q to consider post Covid: Where are our resources deployed? Are we focused on treatment or prevention as a community when it comes to health***
- Argus has never re-submitted or replied to requests for a needs assessment
- Next Steps with OASAS: This month send letter Invite to our June virtual meeting. & request the following :
 - ask for their needs assessment for our community
 - data on substance abuse on CB9
 - Sean Hill data on % methadone clinics in community 9 catchment area (zip codes that go to those clinics)
 - community plan: past present future
 - Invite to our June virtual meeting: Highlight the importance of having treatment facilities in each community vs traveling, COVID has brought this to light: you could be inviting outside community
- Monica: Police dept has no idea of substance abuse, no national database for narcotics sales pharmacies are pill mills in our community, they close and reopen. Larger problem. also need Forham statistic professor ? , Sean Hill) data
- discussion on community pharmacies not closing more often than other businesses, committee does not 100% agree on bringing methadone clinic to community. All do agree want member in our own community to get treatment
- E: keep in mind more need for prevention and treatment centers are more profitable per patient than a clinic
- Victor: ask Argus for an Update at this point.

5. New Business

A. Education cut impacts

- Jenny: School Bus drivers issued new protocol, protocol, not sure if makes any sense but also possible furlough of all drivers as well this week. Post Covid social distance schools bus plan? limit kids on buses, increases traffic volume of buses. What about special needs children in small buses? Some children take the bus long distances for special needs schools... Currently School buses are being used as hotspots for some communities in the Bronx and where there isn't good enough access
- Miriam: background with NYSER and possible impact of these cuts: schools will need more support for IEPs, social emotional post Covid + cleaning. Schools not able to fundraise right now

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- Eutha: 827 million proposed cuts in education— MUST do something
- B. Eutha announcement: email from Mayors office of management, budget consultations for Fall. Asking CB meet remotely***
 - ***Health 3rd priority for CB9 currently. Need to elaborate what our needs are for Health, during executive meeting will discuss budget meeting with City agencies—bring ideas, budget request for the Fall. All committee submit actions we are asking city agencies***
- C. Victor: summer youth employment program elected need to hear from us