

Manhattan Community Board 9: Health & Environment Committee

October 3, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Attendance: Hon. LaQuita Henry, Hon. Edwin Torres, Hon. Miriam Aristy-Farer, Hon. Monica Dula, Esq., Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, Hon. Heather Jason, & Hon. Patricia Ramos,
Board Members: Christopher Johnson, Grace Kaste, Patricia Caldwell,((Please verify))

Call to Order at 6:39 PM by Co-Chair Edwin Torres and Co-Chair LaQuita Henry

Adopt Agenda: Moved to adopt by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, 2nd by Hon. Miriam Aristy-Farer

Adopt Minutes from September 2022- modify to include attendees, motion carried.

Presentations:

<p>Environmental Issues</p>	<p>WEACT Presented by Louis Bailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key ballot measures that community members need to know especially during November Elections• Second supplementary topic regarding Participatory budgeting, the community needs to be civically engaged• Speaker Adams still has the bills on her desk regarding Waste Justice, as soon as there is any news, we will post them• Here is the link to the October 8th WE ACT October Membership Meeting. Contact Bailey a 540 303-9162 https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdu6rqDwpGdKjMqs_Wao3yxklAz91oujD <p>603 West 148 & North River Wastewater Treatment Plant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No follow-up or updates regarding 603 W. 148 from Miriam Artistry-Farer, the smell is still occurring• North River Wastewater Treatment Plant also exposes fumes prior to rain. Supposedly they are flushing the systems.• Our community experiences higher rates of respiratory illness. We need to keep track and document occurrences. We can learn from the campaign of bringing the stop of BX19 back to Convent Avenue, persistent in documenting the issue by calling 311. We must also send letters of concern to Council member Shaun Abreu and other representatives.
<p>Health Issues</p>	<p>Updates Presented by Pauline Ferrante from NYC DOHMH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MPV (Monkeypox): 2nd dose for MPV vaccines available. At least 28 days prior to 1st dose. Walk-ins are available at City run sites, but appointments are preferred. Check out Vaccine Finder, call 311, or at the Tremont Neighborhood Health Action Center (1826 Arthur Avenue Bronx NY 10457). There is no cost for MPV vaccines• COVID-19: Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent boosters' vaccines are available for 6 months-4 yrs. and all those who are eligible to receive them. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, we urge the community to get vaccinated. Booster depends on your health status: immune compromise, BMI, and at personal risk. Check out https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/• Polio: No cases reported however according to Wastewater Surveillance there are residuals of Polio in Long Island and New York City. We encourage parents to vaccinate

their children. It's a series of four doses starting at 6 months of age until 5 years. There is a Governor's emergency plan that makes the vaccine available at pharmacies. Schools require children to be vaccinated in Polio.

- We need to meet our community where they are. We can learn from COVID-19 vaccine vans to increase vaccine rates in Polio, flu, and COVID-19, as well as others.

Presentation by Charlene Gordon from the Bureau of Environmental Health- Healthy Homes Program- NYC DOMHH

- Community partnerships to prevent environmental diseases and injury in homes, communities, and workplaces. Presentations are available in English, Spanish, Bengali, and Russian. Workshops are available to everyone, Info at 646-632-6023. Join the Healthy Homes Program for monthly webinars
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/healthy-home-workshops.page>

Presentation by Dilem Valenzuela- NYC DOHMH Poison Control Center.

- Poison Control Center is available 24/7/365-fast, free, and confidential. Translation services are available in 150 languages. Call 212-764-7667 with any questions about medicines, cleaners, and disinfectants. Available to provide FREE workshops for community groups. If interested, please contact vdilem@health.nyc.gov to request community education presentations:
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6046718/Request-a-Presentation-PCC>
- Check out our website <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page>
To order Poison Control Center material:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/poison/safety-material-order-form.pdf>
- West Harlem Development Corporation which granted 10 awards to organizations that provide Health and Human Services should take advantage of workshops by NYC DOHMH. An Introductory letter for the 10 organizations will be generated.

Communicating Issues/Concerns to our Community presented by Deborah Levine

- How can we communicate with our district? For example, for routinized vaccines (infancy to adulthood) vaccine literacy must provide cultural components and scientific design. Messaging around lifetime vaccines. Vaccine education-helping people get information to make their own decisions.
- Create a map that shows where can vaccines be obtained at a free or low cost. Integrate health messaging
- Outreach vans to expand for vaccines on the spot, can NYCHA be utilized? Create availability and increase hours of operation.
- Create spaces where we can have a consensus around the intersection of the work that has to be conducted, we need to work together to build trust and community leaders.
- Vaccine literacy survey in Community Board 9, 10, and 11 zip code data will be shared later.
- Check out [Harlem Strong Community Mental health Initiative](#) and [Community Needs Assessment Report](#)

	<p>Deborah Levine CUNY-SPH Deborah.levine@sph.cuny.edu</p> <p>Cannabis Task Force report by Hon. Miriam Aristy-Farer & Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no regulations as of now, those operating are using a loophole that endangers the community. In order to get a license NY State is taking the blueprint from Liquor license which must go through community boards. Currently, it is left up to the Community Board as to which way to go through A) directly to the Board or B) must go through different committees such as Economic, Health & Environment, and/or Land Usage. Questions and surveys should get started since it affects all of us. A major education campaign must also occur for Social Equity component. Check out https://cannabis.ny.gov/
<p>1727 Amsterdam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending information on Eye Care services at 1727 Amsterdam. • Heritage Health Center moving to a location between 142 and 141 streets on Amsterdam Avenue, they might not come back to 1727 Amsterdam. • Letter for Objection for 1727 Amsterdam presenting a concept that does not align with our community and area. The expected date for the facility to start renovation in February 2023. Draft to be presented at the Executive Committee
<p>Items for the next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York Nurses-Corrective Agenda moved to November 2022. Your zip code does not determine the care you receive, how can we help the nurse shortage and nurses with contract negotiations? We should meet with Mt. Sinai, elected officials (CM Abreu, Manhattan Borough President, Council for Chair of Health Committee), and the nurse association. • Northern Manhattan Perinatal Network regarding Black Maternal Mortality.

End of meeting at 9:43 PM, motion to end by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, 2nd by Hon. Patricia Ramos