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LGBQI/TGNB Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The LGBQI/TGNB Committee Meeting met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Clarita Bailon, Milagros Cancel, Margarita Espinosa, Audrey Harden, and Matthew Martinez.

The following item was discussed:

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene informed us about the health services and projects that are available for the LGBQ/TGNCNB communities. They also informed us that the LGBTQ Health Project Teams oversees the Transgender, Gender non-conforming, and Non-Binary Community Advisory Board (TCAB), LGBTQ Health Care Bill of Rights, LGBTQ Health Equity Coalition (The Coalition), NYC Health Map, and the LGBQ/TGNCNB tailored webpages. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene informed us about their agency wide initiatives. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene have Sexual Health Clinics, which are presently COVID-19 testing sites, that have a Quickie Lab that provides rapid testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea. The Mental Hygiene's Community Service Board (CSB) is a board composed of different organizations that advocates for the mental health and well-being of the LGBTQ community. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are also offering support for the gender marker changes on birth certificates for individuals in new York City. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's LGBQ TGNCNB inclusive campaigns include: Listos, Bare it All, Enteric, Hepatitis A, NYC Health Care Bill of Rights, Living Sure, and Made Equal. The committee was also informed about Unity Project. A project that was developed to improve and increase services for the LGBQ/TGNCNB communities. As part of the Unit Project, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is part of the PrEP for adolescents, where this program is designed to improve PrEP access and other relevant services for adolescents (13-24 years old). They are also part of CAMP Coalitions which is a community coalitions based program to address substance use prevention amongst LGBQ, TGNCNB youth. The committee was informed about the internal agency initiatives like the LGBTQ+ employee resource group and the LGNCNB Workforce Equity.