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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Kristine Rivera, Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson

The Health and Human Services Committee met on November 15, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Melissa Guzman, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Samsondeen Raheem, Renee Reed, Kristine Rivera, and Carol Robinson.

The Health and Human Services Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion on Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) and Certified Addiction Recovery Coach (CARC) Trainings with Keep It Simple and Safe (KISS)**

The Health and Human Services Committee discussed the logistics for hosting the CRPA/CARC trainings in partnership with KISS. It was determined that in order to complete the number of hours required for certification while accommodating people's schedules, the training will be divided into eight sessions. A space will also be needed to host the training sessions outside of business hours. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will draft a proposal with guidance from KISS, which can be used to solicit a space. The District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will create a registration link once the dates and event space are finalized. The Health and Human Services Committee is considering compensation or stipends to support participants, or the KISS organization.

- **Discussion on an Outreach Event with United Grove Methodist Baptist Church**

The Health and Human Services Committee was informed that Committee Chairperson Kristine Rivera hosted a presentation for a faith-based organization, the United Grove Methodist Baptist Church, during their Wellness Wednesday program. The topics included how to get seniors involved with their local community board, concerns among vulnerable populations, and how the community board can advocate for constituents.

- **Discussion and Election of Committee Vice-Chairperson**

The Health and Human Services Committee voted in favor of appointing Board Member Melissa Guzman as the Health and Human Services Committee Vice-Chairperson.