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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Kristine Rivera, Committee Chairperson

Thursday, December 12, 2024

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in-person at the district and via Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting: Evonne Capers (Virtual), Nicole Carter (Virtual), Maria Latimer, Magdamary Marcano (Virtual), Nicole N'diaye (Virtual), Katrina Rawlins (Virtual), Kristine Rivera (Virtual), and Lisa Sanchez.

The Health and Human Services Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from VIP Community Services on the Community Support Network**

The Health and Human Services Committee was informed about the outreach VIP Community Services has done to raise awareness about the Community Support Network. Their Community Support Network is a partnership with the Department of Health aiming to make resources in the district more accessible. Individuals can search for services that are available within walking distance by scanning a QR code or by visiting bit.ly/csn-nyc. The Community Support Network covers the following zip codes: 10451, 10452, 10453, 10454, 10455, 10456, 10457, 10458, 10459. The Health and Human Services Committee was also informed that in addition to connecting individuals with service providers, the Community Support Network offers 'train-the-trainer' sessions on topics including "Hypertension 101", "NYC Social Mapping", "Physical and Physiological Safety", and "Coping with Emotions."

Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson Kristine Rivera expressed interest in connecting with VIP's Community Services' Support Network in the future.

- **Other business (if any)**
 - **World AIDS Day Event**

The Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson, Kristine Rivera, briefed the committee about the important information on Black maternal health presented by a doctor at the World AIDS Day Event held by the Office of the Bronx Borough President. It was reported that more than any subgroup, Black women have disproportionately higher rates of HIV/AIDS infection and the highest death rate due to HIV/AIDS related illnesses among women. In 2022, Black and Hispanic people accounted for 70% of new HIV cases. Black women accounted for 54% of new HIV infections among women, but only make-up 14% of the female population. This means that the rate of HIV infection among Black women is ten times the rate of infection among White women and five times the rate of infection among Hispanic women. Heterosexual transmission makes up 91% of new HIV/AIDS cases among Black women. The neighborhood of Tremont is in the top quintile of the HIV/AIDS rate of infection and Chairperson Rivera hopes to promote community education on treatments and prevention at future committee meetings.

- **District Needs Statement Update**

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett informed the Health and Human Services Committee of the response from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) regarding the request for information about health-related direct services offered in the district. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will create a list of the service providers that the DOHMH shared for the committee to review. The Health and Human Services Committee will then conduct outreach to these service providers and identify opportunities for collaboration in the future.