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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, December 17, 2020 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Clarita Bailon, Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Sadija Cekovic, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Julisa Hamilton, Laura James, Matthew Martinez, Michael Nelson, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following information was discussed:

- **Montefiore Health Systems and UnitedHealthCare**

Mr. Jason Caraballo representing Montefiore Health Systems informed us that Montefiore Health System is currently negotiating their health care contracts with UnitedHealthcare until at December 31, 2020. UnitedHealthcare is asking Montefiore Health System to accept unsustainable reductions in payments that would jeopardize our ability to deliver the high-quality care our patients and communities count on. A new contract with UnitedHealthcare that includes fair payment will allow Montefiore Health System to continue their mission of serving everyone, regardless of their financial situation, in our community. The committee recommended that a letter of support be issued to UnitedHealthcare in support of Montefiore Health Systems' contract negotiations. The committee also recommend to support Montefiore Health Systems' social media campaign in regards to their contract negotiations with UnitedHealthcare.