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**Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Clarita Bailon, Cornell Brown, Milagros Cancel, Assana Lloyd, Carmen Rivera, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following information was discussed:

- **Discussion of the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.**

The committee members selected the following expense requests:

- Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning
- Other programs to address public health issues requests
- Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
- Create or promote programs to decrease children's emergency department visits for asthma and prevent injuries
- Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
- Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs
- Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
- Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors
- Funding for a new senior center program
- Increase transportation services capacity
- Expand homelessness prevention programs
- Provide programs for homeless veterans
- Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing
- Provide, expand, or enhance Fair Fares
- Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)
- Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)

The committee members provided certain specifications for the items above:

- Other programs to address public health issues requests: Focus on domestic violence
- Funding for a new senior center program: Provide technology training
- Increase transportation services capacity: Increase Access-A-Ride funding for more rides
- Provide, expand, or enhance Fair Fares: Maintain funding

***The Health and Human Services Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month.***