



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

October 1, 2024

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore, Md Alauddin

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. Speakers

- A. Dorothy Jaquez, Director - Urban Health Plan Bruckner Commons (Peninsula Community Health Center)**

Urban Health Plan was founded in 1974 by Dr. Richard Izquierdo. Urban Health Plan is a federally qualified health center, not a private clinic and is under the Association of National Health Centers. Urban Health Plan has centers in Manhattan and Queens, however, the vast majority of their centers are located in the Bronx.

In 2023, Urban Health Plan served more than 89,254 patients and includes services such as: Adult Medicine, Teen/Adolescent Health, Pediatric Care, Women's Health/GYN, Family Planning/Reproductive, Virtual Care Center / Telehealth, Mental Health & Wellness, Foot Care, Vaccines, Nutrition, Social Services, and Case Management. Dental Services will open for the Peninsula Community Health Center beginning October 22nd on Tues and Wednesdays.

Urban Health Plan hosts various programs as well including: School-Based Health Centers, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Perinatal Infant Community, Health Collaborative (MICHCH), WorkForce Bx - Workforce Development, Health Insurance Enrollment, and Club Teens in Action (TIA).

Urban Health Plan's Hospital Affiliations include: BronxCare Health System, HHC Elmhurst Hospital, Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, Montefiore Medical Center, Northwell Forest Hills Hospital, and Mount Sinai Health System.

Urban Health Plan accepts most insurances, including Medicare, however, patients will not be denied services based on their inability to pay. A sliding fee discount program is available to all patients based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Urban Health Plan has been conducting outreach in the CB9 community and attending various community meetings and events to inform patients that the Peninsula Community Health Center is now open.

Residents are interested in a weight loss and exercise program for this site, this site previously

hosted Count Down to Fitness Series, Director will look into this service.

B. Rogier van Vlissingen, Plant Based-Nutrition Certificate Program

Rogier hosts Plant Based Nutrition Programs and How the Body Works Workshops in the community and is interested in potentially partnering with Urban Health Plan on a Hispanic Community targeted collaborative event.

Rogier is also looking for a female bilingual participant who wants to join the Bilingual Reading Group (English/Spanish) Monday evenings at 7pm for an hour remotely.

III. New Business

A. November Agenda Items

Tentative Fall/Winter committee speakers include the Castle Hill Library, AARP, NYC Department of Veterans' Services, U.S. Census Bureau and a First Time Home Buyer Workshop.

Committee requested potentially Nutritional Workshop.

Committee suggested meeting with ShopRite Manager regarding escalating prices

Committee suggested partnering with DOB on a Landlord Resources related workshop or event.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, BM Chandra Moore will be participating in a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Pelham Bay with the NAB Veterans Group and encourages all to join.

For more information visit nabvetsthebronx.org.

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