



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal – District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

April 4, 2022

Board Members Present: Linda Soto, Sarwar Jahan, Daniel Porro, James Tynan, Julio Quinones, Lena Johnson, Md Alauddin

I. Introduction

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

II. Speakers

A. Travis Thomas, DISRUPT Oncology Research

“The DISRUPT project aims to reduce the cancer burden and cancer health inequities in communities of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, People of Color, people with health conditions and impairments, and LGBTQ+ persons by working with these communities to co-create and build upon strategies to improve diversity in cancer clinical trials by “disrupting” norms at the community, patient and provider, and research pipeline levels. DISRUPT was selected by Stand Up To Cancer (Su2C) as part of its Health Equity Initiative. One of The DISRUPT project’s goal is to increase awareness of, and access to, information about cancer clinical trials among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, this means that Community Partners play a critical role in this project. Researchers may lack critical knowledge and grassroots experience that Community Partners possess. Participation by underrepresented patients in clinical trials has been historically low. We aim to change that by working with community organizations and community oncologists, and engaging people from underserved communities. We hope to change views on cancer care and research. Right now, many people think that clinical trials happen when there are no more known treatments to offer. We aim to tell people about clinical trials and research earlier in the process so that if someone does get cancer, it will not be the first time they hear about clinical trials.”

This is a project among Mt Sinai, Einstein, Columbia, and City University under the Stand up to Cancer banner; the 4 institutions are a consortium and came together to help with the matching of clinical trials, the four have been working together for well over a year.

III. New Business

A. Life Line Screening

Get Screened for Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk

<https://www.lifelinescreening.com/?sourcecd=WNAT010>

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