

Community Board 9 Health Committee Minutes  
Committee Chair, Francisca Leopold  
Tuesday, November 1, 2020  
Zoom hosted by CB 9 Board Office

**Attendees:**

1. Francisca Leopold - CB 9 Board Member, Health Committee Chair
2. Warren Burke - CB 9 Board Member, 1st Vice Chair
3. Melissa Severe - CB 9 Board Member, Health Committee Secretary
4. Mia Hilton - CB 9 Board Office
5. Enid Dillard - One Brooklyn Health System
6. Karimah Griffin - CB 9 Resident
7. Amy Pinkerton - CB 9 Board Member
8. Ephraim Sherman - CB 9 Resident
9. Kate Candill - CB 9 Resident
10. Kim Robertson - Council Member Ampry-Samuels
11. Karen Chambers - Brooklyn District Attorney Gonzalez

Meeting started at 7:06PM and adjourned at approximately 8:15PM

**One Brooklyn Health System** will be hosting a community meeting on Monday, November 16th at 7:30PM about Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.

- Virtual town hall topic of discussion will be on the “Transformation Plan for Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center”. Presenters: CEO LaRay Brown and COO Dominick Stanzione of the One Brooklyn Health System and Executive Director Paul Rosenfeld of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

- To join the session Virtually please click on the link below  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5716394348643270158>

Join by Phone  
US 1-951-384-3421  
US Toll Free 1-877-309-2071  
Attendee code (muted) 565-184-331

Chair Leopold, committee members and residents discussed immediate goals for the committee and shared information about health related resources for the community:

**Food insecurity and distribution**

- The committee is planning a service day to distribute dry goods to community members who are food insecure. The pandemic has increased the number of people accessing food pantries in the district. The proposed service day will be either November 19th or 20th. Two to three committee members will be needed to help with distribution. Those who are interested in helping should coordinate

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with the Board office. The tentative distribution location will be outside the board office but a larger distribution space is preferred.

- ❑ The committee brainstormed the best way to set up the distribution to ensure no food goes to waste and that all seeking food would get fed whether they live in the district or not.
- ❑ Our Elected representatives shared that they are working with restaurants and bars in the district to address food insecurity during the Thanksgiving holiday season; Turkey giveaways are still planned for this year.

**Access to Health Care and Public Health**

- ❑ The NYC Care initiative is a health care access program that guarantees low-cost and no-cost services to New Yorkers who do not qualify for or cannot afford health insurance. All NYC Care services are provided through NYC Health + Hospitals. More information can be found at <https://www.nyccare.nyc/>
- ❑ November is Diabetes Awareness month and the committee highlighted this as a critical health issue affecting the community.
- ❑ Masks - The committee is putting out a call for mask donations, we would like to distribute the masks to vulnerable populations within the district. One Brooklyn may be able to provide some masks to CB 9 to distribute at upcoming community events.

**Updates from 1st Vice Chair Burke**

- ❑ Kings County Hospital Center subcommittee meeting - While the number of covid cases remains steady, the hospital is preparing for an emergency covid response by cross-training all hospital staff. Everyone should continue to wear PPE when out in public spaces. There has been a surge in people using mental health services.

**Senior Engagement**

- ❑ Committee members are concerned about the social, emotional and physical toll the social distancing puts on seniors in our community. Engagement ideas include sharing online resources on guided chair stretching and physical therapy. This would encourage physical activity and help our seniors to stay socially connected. Kingsbrook's Rehabilitation Center may be able to support with guidance and/or a pain management workshop tailored for Community Board 9.
- ❑ The committee is willing to use their meeting time for senior engagement. Other times and days for senior engagement should be considered since our 7PM meeting time may be too late in the day for some of our seniors to participate.