

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

Attendees:

1. Francisca Leopold - CB 9 Member, Health Committee Chair
2. Warren Burke - CB 9 Member, 1st Vice Chair
3. Melissa Severe - CB 9 Member
4. Khalid Nixon - CB 9 Board Office
5. Enid Dillard - One Brooklyn Health System
6. Laray Brown - CEO, One Brooklyn Health System
7. Crystal Rogers - NYSNA
8. Ian Sherman - CB 9 resident
9. Josue Pierre - CB 9 resident
10. Loren Avellino - Manager of Community Affairs, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

Meeting started at 7:10PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Loren Avellino gave an update on community services available at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. While the hospital is not located in Community Board 9, many of our residents utilize the hospital. Upcoming events at NYP-Methodist highlighted by Loren:

- VIRTUAL Prostate Health Talk with Dr. Alfred Winkler - An interactive discussion on Prostate Health with Dr. Alfred Winkler, Chief of Urology NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, Assistant Professor of Clinical Urology, Weill Cornell Medicine. This lecture is part of a series on Men's Health, presented in partnership with the Brooklyn Public Library.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the hospital continues to encourage regular mammogram visits at their [Cancer Care](#) center. Cancer screening should not be delayed because of Covid. They are hosting a symposium on Breast Health Disparities In the Era of COVID19.
- COVID Challenges: Remote Learning Ergonomics webinar
- Virtual [support groups](#) on topics like: breastfeeding, stroke and aneurysm awareness, MS peer and patient support
- Announcement of new ambulatory care facility, the Center for Community Health, visit: <https://www.nyp.org/brooklyn/locations/center-for-community-health>

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Laray Brown and Enid Dillard of One Brooklyn gave an update on what is happening at Kingsbrook Medical Center. Kingsbrook Medical Center is not closing; however medical surgical bed services will no longer be housed at Kingsbrook. Those patients will be cared for at other hospitals within the One Brooklyn network of hospitals (Interfaith and Brookdale). Current hospital staff on medical surgical teams will be reassigned within the hospital system. Kingsbrook will actually be expanding many of their services including outpatient clinic care and ambulatory services. NYSNA representative Crystal Rogers (NYSNA), who represents the nursing staff, noted that One Brooklyn and NYSNA worked together on the plans and both parties are in agreement on staffing.

Chair Leopold, committee members and residents discussed goals for this upcoming board session. Major priorities include:

- addressing the economic strain Covid-19 has put on the city budget and how that will affect community health services
- Getting PPE to community members and residents who need it; NYP mentioned they do have extra masks and face shields.
- Addressing the increased homelessness in our district since the pandemic; We discussed working with social service agencies such as the Department of Homeless Services to come up with a community plan for the situation.
- Senior services during Covid-19 and how we can address this in the next budget cycle
- Encouraging community members to wear masks to protect themselves against Covid-19; We discussed how to tailor messaging to different demographics and exercising cultural competence in our approach

The committee would like to bring in experts on sickle cell; mental health; health equity and cultural competency in health care to present at future community meetings. Loren of NYP will be able to assist with coordinating the mental health presentation.