

Community Board 9 Health Committee Minutes
Committee Chair, Francisca Leopold
Thursday, February 4, 2021
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. Adele Fleteau - President of the Brooklyn Branch, National Assn of University Women and Co-Chair of Health Committee
8. Sabrina J. Lewis - Ambassador of Wellness, SCTPN; HHC Community Health Worker; Brooklyn NAACP, Health Committee; Facilitator, Rapha Art Life Center
9. Sarai Santiago - CHW/ outreach worker sctpn (sickle cell thalassemia patients network)
10. Maurice Cummings - Council Member Ampry-Samuels
11. Desma Ross - CB 9 Board Member

Meeting started at 7:08PM and adjourned at approximately 8:05PM

Agenda

1. Covid-19 Updates

Enid Dillard of One Brooklyn Health System - Walk-in vaccines at Kingsbrook Hospital started on February 3rd at 7am; Demand has been very high and walk-ins ended earlier than expected; right now the hospital is focused following up with second doses; An appointment system was attempted for vaccines but posed challenges, for instance the elderly found it difficult to navigate; Additional walk-in periods are being planned

Chair Leopold - Next week Tuesday at 6pm, Dr. Katz of Health and Hospitals will be answering questions about the vaccine at a forum hosted by One Crown Heights; Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tceyhqz0qGtwdQlxYCX_qrBtNvBSOMixv

Chair Leopold - noted several strategies to support seniors who want the vaccine but may have logistical challenges; She shared that some places in New Jersey are actually taking vaccines to seniors and here in Community Board 9 the 71st precinct has been transporting seniors to vaccine sites

2. Community Health Forum on Mental Health

Chair Leopold - Kings County Hospital has reached out to partner around monthly topics including mental health, their schedule is as follows: February - racial equity in health care (KCHC will confirm for late February), March - oral health and covid-19, April - total joint replacement, May - coping with mental health during covid-19, June - men's health, July - obesity and covid-19, August - family planning and breastfeeding, September - sickle cell, October - breast cancer, November - diabetes, December - flu vaccine; HIV/AIDS

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3. Open Discussion

Sabrina J. Lewis of Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patient Network - this month the support group is focusing on education around the sickle trait; A Juneteenth campaign is being planned with Synergy to shine a light on sickle cell, details will be provided to the Board; The organization is also working with NAMI on mental health issues.

Adele Flatueau of National Association of University Women - Interested in doing an event around nutrition and heart disease; This connects nicely to the healthy cooking night idea and we will collaborate.

Enid shared that One Brooklyn Kingsbrook does a healthy cooking night on FaceBook live; We will partner to plan a healthy cooking series that also incorporates issues of chronic disease.

Ms. Blair of Kings County Hospital Crisis Program raised awareness to the sex trafficking issues faced by mainly Black and Latino youth in our community; It has not decreased during the pandemic; The committee will partner with Ms. Blair to do community education starting with having a presentation or training for the members; Safe Horizon/Brooklyn DA office can provide training. There are a multitude of services offered at the center that community members can utilize. The youth committee may also want to participate. Sabrina J. Lewis will connect as well.

Sarai Santiago of Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patient Network would like to do a sickle cell presentation for the committee in September; This month the organization is expanding services to provide support to Spanish speaking members.

4. Updates from 1st Vice Chair Warren Burke

New shipment of vaccines have come in and make-up appointments have been made to accommodate the ones cancelled due to shortage and the weather; the hospital has created more zones for covid patients and continues to cross-train staff from units that are not operating.

Elected Official Updates

Maurice Cummings from Council Member Ampry Samuels office Maurice provided an update on office operations, including safely accommodating in-person constituent services during the pandemic. The office is closed but constituents can meet with staff by appointment if necessary.