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Health and Human Services and Education and Unhoused & Shelter Committee

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Attendees:

Lauren Springer, Chair
Amparo Abel-Bey
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Warren Davis
Nellie Afshar

Absentees:

Kelly Craig
John Bahia
Phuntsok Tashi
Tom Mituzas
Leticia Vasquez
Benjamin Lucas
Danielle Brecker
Atanu Majumdar – Public Member
Julie Chou – Public Member

Public Members

Andrea Thomas, Sunnyside Community Services

Guest

Martha Alexander, Data Communications Outreach Analyst, NYC DOHMH
Tejumadé Ajaiyeoba, Executive Director of Community Affairs, NYC DOHMH
Rabiya Rahman
Mahbub Haque

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Debra Markell Kleinert, Community Board 2

Lauren Springer, Chair Health & Human Services and Education and Unhoused & Shelter Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Lauren Springer and the committee briefly discussed the public bathroom Bill. Lauren Springer will get in touch with Julie Chou to find out the status of this Bill.

Lauren Springer introduced the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene speakers.

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Tejumadé Ajaiyeobais the Executive Director of Community Affairs at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- For any issues that constituents have regarding the quality of life, Tejumadé Ajaiyeoba would be the person to reach out to.

Martha Alexander is the Data Communications Outreach Analyst at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

- She works on the population for health data science.
- Martha Alexander shared a presentation with the committee on Health Data Tools.
- Through the data they see that good health is not only personal choices. Good health is determined through what resources a person has access to.
- Inequities in health are unfair, unnecessary, and avoidable.
- Through data, there is better understanding of the community needs and assets, to allocate for funding and resources, promote policy solutions, and share the information.
- The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene makes available a lot of their data on their website.
- This data is collected through surveys, disease surveillance and vital statistics.
- Surveys are sent out addressed based.
- There is also community outreach to build trust with the community in doing a survey.
- An incentive to get residents to participate in a survey was a gift card.
- Data is collected through a person's lifespan from birth to death.
- A question was asked about traffic data from the emergency room, for example, when a person is hit by a moped, or an E-Bike or a regular motorized bike.
- To find out data on traffic injuries visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/data/datasets/traffic-injuries.page>
- To access all the data resources, visit: www.nyc.gov/health/data
- On the website, the three important tabs to research are Interact and Visualize, Datasets and Publications
- In June 2024 a publication will be coming out on Immigrant New Yorkers.
- Community Health Profiles can be found at www.nyc.gov/health/profiles
- There are 59 community districts.
- Martha Alexander went through the steps of searching a community health profile on the website.
- Community leaders and non-profit groups would share this data with the community at large.
- Andrea Thomas of Sunnyside Community Services stated that her organization uses a lot of this data for needs assessment proposals and for programming. Andrea Thomas expressed that the average community person might not use this data.
- To gain community trust for filling out surveys, the NYC Health Department works with partners, and relationship building throughout the year, and focus groups.

Old Business:

Lauren Springer mentioned that she wants to follow up with the CB2 office regarding the resolution on Bill Intro 99.

A follow-up on the Bathroom Bill and if there will be a presentation to the full Board next year.

New Business:

Lauren Springer asked the committee for future idea suggestions. One suggestion was to look at the NYC Health and Mental Hygiene data on the website and what that data is revealing.

Lauren Springer thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Waber