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January 10th, 2022

Health and Human Services and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Attendees:

Amparo Abel-Bey
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Clara Oza
Lauren Springer, Chaired this meeting

Absentees:

Taina McShane, Chair
Sandra Bigitschke
Mohammed Z. Choudhury Jewel
Selena Romero
Regina Shanley
Mary Torres
Adriene Verrilli

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, Community Board 2

Guest

Tenzin Tseyang – Community Liaison for Council Member Julie Won

Lauren Springer, Health and Human Services and Education Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- Amparo Abel-Bey, followed up on concern from the CB2 January Board Meeting about the Test & Trace Corp. activities.
- If a constituent did test positive, what can the committee do to follow up on this care and need of services.
- It was suggested to speak to a Test & Trace Corp liaison to find out further information. Their website is: <https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/test-and-trace/>
- Another suggestion was to possibly use the space in hotels for people to quarantine if positive.

Debra Markell Kleinert reported the Mayor's office said test and masks will be delivered to the Department of Education. There is a Covid testing site by Hart Playground. Greenpoint Avenue and 42nd Street is another testing site.

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

- The committee discussed an organization called Invisible Hands <https://invisiblehandsdeliver.org/> that would deliver food and other needed resources to homes if the person is homebound.
- It was mentioned to share these resources to the constituents via Twitter and Facebook.

Old Business

- A discussion about the anaphylaxis shock Bill.
- Discussion took place regarding a letter regarding the fees that were charged to take a test for advanced placement.
- To hear from people in the school system and their perspective of what is going on in the schools. And what their concerns are during this pandemic.
- Suggestion was to invite the Principal, Lou Pavone.
- A discussion about how the virus is handled in the schools and how it varies from school to school.
- Google Classroom is what some schools use. Work is posted on this site for the student who is working remotely. Unfortunately, they do not get to see a live teacher. However, some schools have a set up where a student can have time via zoom with a teacher.
- Another factor is that a lot of schools don't have enough staff to teach the students.
- To find out the attendance in the NYC Public Schools visit: <https://www.nycenet.edu/PublicApps/Attendance.aspx>

New Business

Short discussion continued on the Immigration Bill.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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