



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Health & Human Services Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: June 4, 2024

TIME: 7:00PM

IN PERSON: No

VIRTUAL: Yes

SPEAKER: Yes

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano
Diane Peruggia, Chair, Health & Human Services
Vincent Bonomi
Claire Atalla
Vincent Bonomi
Jessica Francese
Harold Kozak
Verna Lauria

Committee Members Absent

Patricia Conway
Carmine Gualtieri
Dennis McKeon

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Claudette Duff, Staten Island Center of Light for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Annamarie Kaplon, Pres. SI Blind Society
Tom Blancero, Patient Experience, Staten Island University Hospital
Claudette Hill, RN, Director of Community Health, SIUH
Christine Zall, SIUH

Public Contact

None

Agenda

Patient Experience at Staten Island University Hospital - Claudette Hill, Director of **Community Health**, and Tom Blancero, Senior Specialist with Patient Experience, spoke about the programs that Community Health is bringing to the community along with the investment **Northwell Heath** is making in the *Patient Experience* at Staten Island University Hospital.

SIUH Community Health Mission

Promoting the health and wellness of all who reside on Staten Island. Quality of care does not begin at admission or end at discharge. Our dedicated team is deployed throughout SI providing grassroots support by building trust, identifying needs and establishing strategic partnerships with our community-based organizations and residents.

Patient Experience Hotline 718.226.8851

**Full Presentation on file in Community Board office.*

Staten Island Center of Light for the Blind & Vision Impaired - Claudette Duff spoke about the blind population on Staten Island and why a center for the blind and vision impaired is needed. Currently, 8,000 residents are blind, or vision impaired on Staten Island, and there are no centers and limited services for them. There are programs off the island that come to us to provide limited services. Presently, you would have to go to Manhattan to get full-service programs. A letter of support is requested for a Center that would provide the following:

- Education Programs with model rooms
- Classrooms
- Public Education – how to interact with this population
- Support services
- Sensory Room
- Mental Health services
- Family support
- Home visit program
- Volunteer program
- Events, Parties, Activities,

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Peruggia

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Chair, Health & Human Services Committee