



CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

Hon. Dominick Boyce, Chair

Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin, Vice Chair

Members in Attendance Present: Hon. Dominick Boyce, Hon. Karen Dixon, Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin, Hon. Bailey Jeremie, Hon. Daniel Patterson, Hon. Dawn Richards, Hon. Cheryl Smith, Hon. Karen Dixon (Virtual), Hon. Donna Gill (Virtual)

Excused Committee Members: Hon. Dr. Hazel Dukes,

Manhattan Community Board #10 Staff Present: Miguel Walters, Minah Whyte

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyce at 6:40 pm.

Chair Boyce provided welcome remarks to all attendees and provided agendas to everyone in attendance. Chair Boyce asked each Committee members to introduce themselves followed by all Board Members present. There were no representatives of elected officials present. Chair Boyce introduced Minah Whyte, new District Manager for Manhattan Community Board 10, to everyone in attendance as this was her first day of work.

- Chair Boyce noted that we achieved quorum for the meeting.
- The Committee had a presentation from Georges Lecontes, CEO of Harlem Hospital Center. He spoke about the accomplishments and challenges of operating a 268-bed community hospital. He reported that during his tenure the hospital has spent over \$45 million related to capital projects and modernizing the hospital. He outlined as part of his PowerPoint presentation new needs for the upcoming fiscal year totaling approximately \$6 million. Mr. Leconte ended his presentation and took questions from both Board members and community members.
- The Committee heard a second presentation from Elizabeth Rodriguez, Program Coordinator, for Manhattan Cancer Services Program. The program is supported by the New York State Department of Health Cancer Service program and is affiliated with New York-Presbyterian. The program offers free cancer services for the uninsured and underinsured for breast & cervical screening for women age 40 or older and colorectal screenings for women and men age 45 or older. The contact number is (212) 851-4516. Ms. Rodriguez reported that the staff of the program speak english, spanish and chinese.

- The Committee's last presenter was Julien Vincent, Program Specialist, from the New York State (NYS) Office of Cannabis Management. Mr. Vincent spoke about the NYS Medical Cannabis Program and how it can help New Yorkers find relief from pain and other conditions. He noted that registered patients can buy medical cannabis products from dispensing facilities operated by registered organizations across New York State. Mr. Vincent fielded questions from those in attendance and provided flyers for upcoming OCM community events on medical cannabis.
- Under new business, Dr. Maurice Franklin, Vice Chair, gave brief remarks about the meeting agenda for February 2024 and the planning agenda for Spring 2024 that included inviting other leaders of health & human service organizations to the meeting and possible collaborations on topic-specific issues like Men's Health and Black Maternal Health.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.