

Health & Education Committee Minutes – April 25, 2017
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Attending the meeting were Elvy Barroso, Karen Moore (reporting), Sarah Shamoon (board members), Jeff Mailman (public member), and Anthony Feliciano and Jenna Gladfelter, guests. Another individual sat in the back of the room but did not sign in.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

1. Anthony Feliciano, Director, Commission on the Public Health System, spoke on public health issues as they relate to changes in the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, including the reorganization of Mount Sinai Beth Israel (MSBI). He expressed concern that the proposed changes to MSBI are undergoing a limited review with the NYS Department of Health, with no statutory requirement for public hearings. Among other initiatives, he suggested Community Boards 1, 2, 3, and 6 conduct a prioritized assessment of the effect of the changes that would be independent of MSBI. One example would be an assessment of the effect of moving the emergency department to 13th Street.
2. Jenna Gladfelter of LiveOn NY discussed 3 common Medicare/Medicaid fraud schemes, ie, (a) telephone phishing schemes concerning the new ID cards being phased in over the next few years; (b) the presence of (licensed) mobile health clinics in shopping centers and religious gatherings that sometimes overbill; and (c) illegal telephone marketing soliciting orders for durable medical equipment. LiveOn has an information sheet of telephone numbers on whom to contact to report these schemes. Attendees then suggested other organizations who could benefit from education and awareness of fraud.
3. The discussion of the NYS Assembly Bill A02379 in regard to the requirement for community advisory boards in every general hospital was tabled because the draft resolution was not available.
4. There were no updates from committee leads.
5. The Chair's report was waived in her absence.
6. Old/New business: The proposed legislation from the City Council, Intro. 139B, placing "hookah" establishments under the domain of the Smoke Free Air Act will be discussed at the May meeting. A representative from City Councilwoman Rosie Mendez's office will attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.