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Health and Education Committee
Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 6:30 PM
433 1st Avenue, Room 220, New York, NY 10010

Meeting Minutes

Present: Elvy Barroso (Chair), John Keller (Vice Chair), Dan Devine, Brooke Goldman, Abigail Krusemark, Rich Mintz, Seema Shah, David Tsin, Claude L. Winfield

Excused: None

Absent: Ahsia Badi, Louise Dankberg, Paige Judge, Karen Moore, Carin van der Donk

Guests: Asher Baumrin, State Senator Brad Hoylman's office; Brendan Birth, CB6 Staff Member; Nicole DeSalvo, NYU EMS Department; Dale Garcia, NYU EMS Department; Stephen Grayson, NYU Langone Health; Leonard Silverman, PTA President for East Side Middle School

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes

Elvy Barroso called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Claude L. Winfield made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by John Keller and passed.

John Keller made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 23, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Claude L. Winfield and passed.

Committee Business

Agenda Item #1: Presentation by the NYU EMS Department Regarding Protocols used in Manhattan Community District 6 When 911 is Called

The speaker was Nicole DeSalvo, a paramedic and Quality Improvement Coordinator for the NYU EMS Department, and she was accompanied by Dale Garcia, also with the NYU EMS Department. The presentation covered the following:

- The two levels of certification in EMS: the emergency medical technician and the paramedic. The roles, responsibilities, and certification requirements for the emergency medical technician and the paramedic were also mentioned.

- The protocols for handling head injuries and other medical emergencies generally when 911 is called, including the applicable basic life support (BLS) protocols and advanced life support (ALS) protocols.
- How EMS determines whether a client needs to be taken to a hospital.
- How EMS transports a client, including when an ambulance cannot get all of the way to the client's location.
- The emergency medical measures taken when a client is being transported.

Nicole explained that NYU's emergency medical technicians and paramedics operate within New York City's 911 system and follow the protocols of the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, as well as NYU's EMS policies and procedures.

The PowerPoint presentation presented to the committee at the meeting is on the CB6 website.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion Regarding Minimum Safe Staffing Ratios at Hospitals in New York State

A memorandum summarizing selected findings related to nurse-to-patient ratios of two major hospitals serving Manhattan Community District 6 and summarizing the opinion of the management of those two hospitals was circulated to committee members to facilitate the discussion. This memorandum is included as an addendum to the end of these minutes.

Elvy Barroso spoke regarding the aforementioned materials circulated to Committee members. Based on the information provided and the discussion, there was no expression of interest, from the Committee members present, to support the proposal regarding nurse-to-patient ratio mandates.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion Regarding Specialized High Schools Admissions Proposal

The article entitled "The SHSAT – Disparities Impacting Diversity, Opportunity and Achievement in NYC Public Schools: A Comprehensive Action Plan for Change", published by the Brooklyn Tech Alumni Foundation in October 2018, and other materials, providing different perspectives on the matter, were shared with Committee members at the meeting to facilitate the discussion.

John Keller spoke and facilitated a discussion regarding the subject matter and underlying issues. In order to provide committee members with the context they needed for discussion, a [recent article from the Brooklyn Tech Alumni Foundation](#) was distributed. Committee members raised various points for consideration. John Keller also announced that on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM, the New York City Department of Education, Office of Enrollment will be hosting (in the gymnasium of The Clinton School, 10 East 15th Street) a presentation on how and why the

Department of Education is proposing to change the admissions process for New York City Specialized High Schools.

Leonard Silverman, PTA President for East Side Middle School, addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the proposed change to the admissions process.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Chair's Report

The Chair's report was waived.

Adjournment

Elvy Barroso declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by: David Tsin