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**Manhattan Community Board Six  
Health and Education Committee  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
433 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (NYU School of Dentistry), Room 220**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Elvy Barroso (Chair), John Keller (Vice Chair), Dan Devine, Abigail Krusemark, Rich Mintz, Carin van der Donk, Claude L. Winfield

**Absent:** Ahsia Badi, Louise Dankberg, Brooke Goldman, Paige Judge, Karen Moore, Seema Shah, David Tsin

**Guests:** Ben Jacobs, Council Member Keith Powers' office; Brad Korn, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital; Brad Beckstrom, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital; Beatrice Maloney, member of the public; Catherine Ahearn, member of the public; Pat Sallin, member of the public; Michael Cohen, member of the public; Maria Rocha-Buschel, *Town & Village* newspaper; Andrew Gross, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) member

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

Elvy Barroso called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Elvy Barroso made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by John Keller and passed.

Elvy Barroso made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Keller and passed.

**Committee Business**

**Agenda Item #1: Report from Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital on changes to their system affecting Community District Six**

Representatives from Mount Sinai Beth Israel (MSBI) Hospital discussed two changes that would affect Manhattan Community District Six (CD6).

One of the changes involves the plans for the Bernstein Pavillion. The Behavioral Health Services at the Bernstein Pavilion will be moved downtown to 45 Rivington Street (a planned nursing facility at this location will not move forward). The speaker explained that the Behavioral Health Services are in-line with what the need is for services around the Rivington Street area. Construction for the Rivington facility will start around the middle of 2019.

The second of those changes involves the plans for the new MSBI (an emergency room consisting of 70 beds) that will be constructed on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction at that location will start during the middle of 2020. The older MSBI facility will stay open until construction at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street location is finished.

### **Agenda Item #2: Discussion of the New York Health Act, a piece of legislation that would bring universal health care to New York State**

The Committee decided to postpone discussion on this bill until someone from Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office could come to discuss this; Assembly Member Gottfried is the sponsor of the bill.

### **Agenda Item #3: Discussion on Intro 1261-2018, which would create K-12 curricula addressing issues related to hate crimes**

A vote was held on a drafted resolution to support Intro. 1261-2018, which would create K-12 curricula addressing issues related to hate crimes. After a brief discussion, the committee decided to support the resolution on Intro 1261-2018, which was already drafted by Housing, Homeless, & Human Rights Committee Member Andrew Gross.

### **Agenda Item #4: Committee Leads: Health, Education, Policy/Resolution Writing**

Committee Vice Chair John Keller provided an update regarding the recently released diversity report by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). A discussion was held regarding the appointment of a Special Education "Czar", and regarding several new pieces of legislation proposed in the New York City Council regarding enforcing the Individualized Education Program (IEP) services for special education students.

### **Old/New Business**

There was no old/new business.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Barroso reported on serious problems regarding the administering of a tuberculosis test at NYU Langone by nursing staff. Chair Barroso was at a meeting with NYU Langone about this issue, and re-training of the ambulatory nursing staff was recommended in the aftermath of the meeting. NYU Langone will be sending

ambulatory nurses to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for tuberculosis test training and certification.

Additionally, it was mentioned that there are two upcoming Community Advisory Board meetings – one for Bellevue Hospital and one for the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Children's Center.

### **Adjournment**

Elvy Barroso made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John Keller and passed. Elvy Barroso declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Carin van der Donk.