

Families Task Force BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint w/ Health

CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting started at 10:08AM.

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A Presentation About Vaccinations and Why Awareness Matters.

Guests:

Department of Health:

Dr. Sherlita Amler, Commissioner of Health

Dr. Dial Hewlett Jr., Medical Director, Division of Disease Control, Chief of Tuberculosis

Danielle Nash, Registered Nurse

Leslie Liberatore, Nurse Practitioner

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The Department of Health guests provided an overview on vaccine initiatives and policies in the County, with a strong emphasis on improving vaccination rates and addressing public hesitancy amid ongoing public health challenges. The discussion included current immunization policies, recent legislative changes, and efforts to reduce disparities in vaccine access. Within the updates provided were the vaccine-related illnesses and guidelines in both Westchester County and the State of New York, along with policies clarifications of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, historical context was provided about the anti-vaccine movement and the examination of current sentiments. Recent measles outbreaks serve as a reminder of the risks faced by unvaccinated children. New York State continues to uphold strict vaccination requirements, which are supported by the Academy of Pediatrics' advocacy for universal childhood immunization.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:28am.