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NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues,

In this newsletter, you will find:

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*In light of recent news around immigration raids in New York City, we would like to share some resources provided by the Greater New York Hospital Association and the New York Legal Assistance Group reminding hospitals of applicable laws, regulations, and policies concerning immigration enforcement on hospital grounds, and reminding immigrants and their families of their rights.*

- [Fact sheet](#) for hospital personnel designated to interface with ICE
- [Q&A](#) on immigration enforcement in hospitals
- [Template notice](#) for hospital staff about the federal government's immigration policies
- [Template notice](#) for patients and visitors about the federal government's immigration policies
- A [know-your-rights handout](#) in eight languages to help families prepare for a possible interaction with ICE
- Printable [red cards](#) in eight languages to distribute to community members
- A [family preparedness plan](#) in English, Spanish, and Chinese



### **Brooklyn Students Work to Bring Fresh and Healthy Food to their Communities**

*Teens for Food Justice has launched a new Fresh Food Box program providing affordable, produce, grown in a CCB-sponsored, school-based hydroponic farm, to food-scarce communities in Brooklyn.*

**Featured in [NPR](#) and on [News12 Brooklyn!](#)**

Teens for Food Justice (TFFJ), in partnership with CCB, has launched a new initiative to bring fresh, healthy produce to underserved communities in New York City. Through the Fresh Food Box program, food-insecure residents in Brownsville, Brooklyn are able to purchase a week's worth of fruits and vegetables, grown by middle school students at the Brownsville Collaborative Middle School/TFFJ hydroponic farm for just \$14.

TFFJ's hydroponic farming program at Brownsville Collaborative Middle School is led by sixth through eighth grade students, who have invested extensive time in the farm through curricular day courses, after-school programming, and participation in the TFFJ Youth Staff, an initiative spearheaded by student ambassadors. These highly engaged students are responsible for aiding with daily farm operations, including planting, maintenance, harvesting and distribution of produce throughout the community and to the school cafeteria daily.



*“In 2016, Community Care of Brooklyn found that more than half of Brownsville and East New York residents struggle to afford or even access healthy food. We have since made it a major part of our mission to not only improve food justice in our communities, but to use food and nutrition as means to bring people together. The BCMS farm and Fresh Food Box program are evidence that these efforts are working and bringing change and better health to a historically underserved community.”*

- David Cohen, MD, MSc, Chair of CCB's Executive Committee

The Fresh Food Box program provides additional entrepreneurial opportunities for students and extends the reach of the program by increasing access to healthy food options for all Brownsville residents. Students also lead cooking demonstrations, offer recipe tastings, and distribute health education materials and information to help residents incorporate healthy, locally-grown foods into their diets. Participants can collect their weekly food boxes from Brownsville Collaborative Middle School, and pay using SNAP and EBT payments, as well as all major credit and debit cards, or cash.



### **CCB Partner, Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center Opens New Facility Using Capital Restructuring Financing Program Funds**

*In 2015, CCB helped eleven partners secure a total of almost \$94 million through New York State's CRFP program to enhance health care facilities. We proudly attended the ribbon cutting for one project this month!*

On June 23, CCB joined long-time DSRIP partner Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center (IDCC), for a ribbon cutting ceremony at its new Coney Island facility.

Melissa Black, CCB's Senior Manager for Program Implementation and Partner Engagement, spoke at the event, praising IDCC and the new facility for integrating types of care that often operate in silos, such as behavioral health and primary care medicine. Citing her years of partnership with leading IDCC physicians, she reinforced sentiments that IDCC is equipped to meet the needs of the communities that will be served at this new facilities.

CCB aided IDCC in securing funding for this new facility through New York State's Capital Restructuring Financing Program—a state investment of \$1.5 billion over six years for capital projects that will enhance the quality, financial viability, and efficiency of the health care delivery system.

See [here](#) for more information, from *Brooklyn Paper*.



#### Fourth Participatory Action Research Project Kicks off in Southwest Brooklyn

*If you live in Bay Ridge, Borough Park, or Sunset Park, you may be approached by student researchers this summer to share your insights into issues affecting health in your community and the types of changes you believe could help make a difference.*

CCB has kicked-off the fourth iteration of its Participatory Action Research (PAR) initiative, which recognizes community members as subject matter experts in the social and structural issues affecting their health, and considers them the best qualified to identify opportunities for improvement. This summer's project focuses on the neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Borough Park, and Sunset Park, while previous projects have studied Bedford Stuyvesant, Brownsville, Canarsie, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, East New York, Flatbush, and Flatlands.

A key element of the initiative is training and engaging youth in the communities to lead study design and data collection. Over the last three years, CCB's PAR studies have received increasing attention and support from local stakeholders and elected officials, collectively trained almost 200 graduate, undergraduate, and high school students as human subject researchers, and engaged more than 2,500 Brooklyn residents in community-based research. This summer's group of graduate and undergraduate student leaders began meeting June 3, and high schoolers followed on July 1, once their summer break had begun. As has been

done with previous iterations of PAR, the students' findings will be discussed and culminate in a report of recommendations, to be released in 2020. Past PAR reports can be found [here](#).



# Legal Tip #4:

## Adult Guardianship

### Protect Patients Unable to Make Independent Medical Choices – A Tip from the New York Legal Assistance Group

Thanks to a collaboration with LegalHealth, a division of the New York Legal Assistance Group, CCB will be sharing tips and information on ways that health care providers may be able to help patients address key social and economic issues affecting health. Today's tips discuss NYC residents' rights regarding paid sick leave

**The following is general information, not legal advice. For answers to additional questions, we invite you to enroll in a Social Determinants of Health & the Law course facilitated by CCB, NYLAG, and 1199SEIU. Once you have completed this training, you may refer patients for free legal assistance at the CCB-NYLAG LegalHealth Clinic at (718) 355-9647.**

Adult guardianship is the legal process by which an individual diagnosed with a debilitating intellectual disability, psychiatric disorder, or who has experienced severe brain trauma, is appointed a guardian to make legal and medical decisions.

There are two types of adult guardianships in New York State:

**Article 17A** is used when the individual has a condition or disability that existed before his/her twenty-second birthday. This enables the guardian—typically the parent or primary caregiver—to make medical and other decisions for the individual after he or she reaches age eighteen. Article 17A petitions are filed in Surrogates Court and generally take six months to complete. Patients can be referred any time after the patient's 17th birthday.

The following medical documentation is needed to file a 17A guardianship:

- **Two Physician Affidavits** (first can be completed by the primary care physician; second must be completed by a psychiatrist, neurologist, or physician with specialty treating people with intellectual disabilities, [YAI](#), or [AHRC](#))
- **Psychosocial Evaluation** (YAI or AHRC)
- **Psychological Evaluation** (YAI or AHRC)

**Article 81** is used for people who did not become incompetent until after their twenty-second birthday, for example, following a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, dementia, severe brain trauma, or other psychiatric disorders. *Unfortunately the CCB-NYLAG LegalHealth Clinic does not assist with Article 81 guardianships, but can provide referrals to private attorneys.*

Before pursuing guardianship of any type, families should consider less restrictive alternatives such as power of attorneys or health care proxies. Guardianships should only be used to protect individuals lacking the capacity to make independent legal decisions.



Print me and share me with your patients

If your patient or a family member of your patient has been diagnosed with a debilitating intellectual disability or psychiatric disorder, has experienced severe brain trauma, or is struggling with another health-related legal issue, please schedule an appointment for your patient to meet with Melina Somoza, Esq. the CCB-NYLAG LegalHealth Clinic staff attorney at (718) 355-9647.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Mentorship in Medicine and Other Health Professions

*Not-for-profit entities experienced in working with economically disadvantaged and under-represented minority students may be eligible to receive grant funding.*

The New York State Department of Health has released a Mentorship in Medicine and Other Health Professions Request for Applications to support activities promoting an increase in the number of economically disadvantaged and underrepresented minority students pursuing health-related careers.

Applicants must meet **one** the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a not-for-profit medical academic institution currently implementing a mentorship program; **OR**
- Be a not-for-profit, 501c (3) health and service organization, county health department, or tribal organization that is affiliated with one or more academic medical institutions currently implementing a mentorship program.

And **all** of the following eligibility requirements:

- three years of experience working with economically disadvantaged and under-represented minority students; **AND**
- three years of experience in oversight of administrative, fiscal and programmatic aspects of government, foundation or other grant-makers in health contracts, including timely and accurate submission of fiscal and program reports; **AND**
- Provide services to economically disadvantaged and underrepresented minority students in PHL §240 Minority Areas (see Map attached)

It is anticipated that approximately \$90,000 will be available to support one award of up to \$30,000 per year for three years. Applications are due by 4:00pm EST on August 22, 2019 and must be submitted in the NYS Grants Gateway.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the RFA and instructions and apply.



# ATTENTION: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

## UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAININGS

*Unless otherwise noted, these trainings are held at the 1199SEIU Employment Center at 25 Elm Place, Brooklyn, NY. To offset some of the costs incurred by organizations to send certain staff to training, CCB provides its partners with stipends for the number of hours spent in training, and attendees may be eligible to receive CME or CEU credit. Click the links below to enroll.*

- [Motivational Interviewing](#) | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- [Escalation and De-escalation Techniques](#) | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- [Mentoring for Healthcare Supervisors of Care Managers](#) | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM\*

Upcoming Microsoft Excel Courses (trainees must attend both dates to receive credit for their selected course):

- [Basic Training for Registries](#) | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM\*
- [Advanced Training for Registries](#) | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM\*
- [Maximizing Registries Using Excel](#) | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AND 19 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM\*

\* Trainees must attend all sessions for completion

## ONLINE TRAININGS VIA CCB'S RESOURCE PORTAL

To access CCB's catalog of CME or CEU-eligible online courses, existing users can log in to the [CCB Resource Portal](#) and browse the "My Training" section. New users can easily self-register to access these features (click below to watch a brief video explaining the registration process). Please contact [support@CCBrooklyn.org](mailto:support@CCBrooklyn.org) if you have any questions or have any difficulty.

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