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**PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS GALA**



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On behalf of the **cphs\*** Coordinating Committee, I welcome you to tonight's 2013 Marshall England Memorial Public Health Awards Gala. The annual event pays tribute to courageous individuals who fight for equal access to quality healthcare services and ensure a strong public health system.

Over the years, the Awards Gala has become a celebrated event in the public health community. The funds raised tonight are critical to **cphs\*** operations and programs. Through the support of individuals, unions and organizations like you, **cphs\*** is able to advocate for better community health, work in and organize coalitions, provide support to community-based organizations, and propose policies that increase access to primary and other health care services.

This special evening could not have happened without the serious commitment of the **cphs\*** Staff. We thank them for their dedication and hard work which makes this program an enjoyable event for everyone in attendance tonight. We are also grateful to our many faithful sponsors and contributors over the years. We also welcome new supporters and hope that we can count on you in the coming years. Your gifts, along with others, allow **cphs\*** to continue "Putting the Public Back in Public Health."

Finally, we congratulate all of the SHEROES and HEROES this evening. You are all an inspiration to all of us and for that we thank you!

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### POLITICAL FACTORS

- Scrutinizing "entitlements": medicaid, medicare
  - Federal support for expansion of primary care → how this is implemented at local level is unknown.
- Potential to present cphs platform to new city leadership in government → opportunity to increase funding, support
- Hold elected officials accountable to having ↑ community input
  - ▶ Is Mayor going to prioritize healthcare
- More people of color in positions of power

### ECONOMIC CLIMATE

- Lack of qualified workforce
  - cultural competency
  - lack technical training
- Diminishing workers rights/benefits/salary
- Under ACA - community based orgs. can provide benefits (some good, some bad)
- ACA - some providers see loss in choice of where they can practice
- Shifting of healthcare dollars (+ or -)

# Marshall C. England

October 27, 1932-January 22, 2000

Marshall C. England was co-chair of the Commission on the Public's Health System from its inception in 1991 until his untimely demise in 2000. He inspired all of us with his commitment and belief in the need for a public voice in health care. Marshall believed in the power of information so he carried his back pack, and many other bags, filled with information that he knew someone could use to make improvements in their community. Marshall's spirit, soul, and his teachings are still with us, along with his commitment to health care as a right.

Marshall England was born in 1932 in Thomasville, Alabama to the late Rev. L.T. England and Daisy Brown England. He grew up in the south and graduated from Alabama A & M University, served in the Army, and then went on to teach at the Linden Academy High School for three years where he also coached the football team.

He moved to New York City in 1958 and his first job was as a street gang worker at the New York City Youth Board. He went on to work in many different community organizations until during the anti-poverty movement, he founded and became the Executive Director of LABOR (the League of Autonomous Bronx Organizations for Renewal). LABOR was an umbrella agency which included the operation of two day care centers, a housing program, a major food distribution program, a Youth Program, a Big Brother/Big Sister program, and a community residence for formerly mentally institutionalized patients.

Mr. England also believed in starting and building other organizations and working on a dizzying array of issues that impact on poor neighborhoods and communities of color. In his early years in New York he chaired New York CORE and the board of HAR-YOU Act Community Corporation. Mr. England believed in economic development and was actively involved as a founding board member of SOBRO in the Bronx and Harlem Commonwealth Council in Manhattan. He also developed a flea market economic development program for the homeless and minority youth in both the Bronx and Harlem. He would collect donations of goods for people to sell so that they could become self-sufficient.

Marshall England was the recipient of many awards, the last from the Friends of Harlem Hospital in November 1999 shortly before he became ill. The Emergency Room at Harlem hospital has been named for Mr. England.

In true Marshall England style, he would be telling us today that it is imperative to continue his work rather than mourning his loss. As Bill Tatum wrote in the Amsterdam News "He was the kindest man that we have ever known, who had a mission that is not yet completed. His legacy has to be the command to fill his shoes." The Commission is proud to give awards in Marshall's name.



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# **Heroes and Sheroes of Public Health**

# **Agnes Abraham**

**Chair, HHC Council of Community Advisory Boards  
Chairperson, Kings County Hospital Center CAB**



# Agnes Abraham

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**Ms. Agnes Abraham** is a fierce advocate and demonstrates by stratospheric force her ability to mobilize, motivate and as a results oriented individual garners the respect and admiration of her peers and community at large. Her ability to verbalize ideas in a way that is stunning and sometimes startling, is profound. People listen when Ms. Abraham speaks.

Ms. Abraham is a force in the public health and hospital system. As the Chairperson of the Kings County Hospital Community Advisory Board (CAB), she has worked to build political clout in support of the hospital. Ms. Abraham also serves as the Chairperson of the Council of Municipal Hospitals Community Boards, where she has challenged HHC and CAB members from other public facilities.

Ms. Abraham is a native of the Commonwealth of Dominica, resides in Brooklyn, and is a proud alumnus of Medgar Evers College, the historically black college in the City University of New York. Ms. Abraham was very active in extra-curricular activities and deeply involved in student governance. She served two terms as President of the Medgar Evers College Student Government Association and graduated as its Senior Class President in 2005. She was the first Caribbean female to serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York. She also served as Chairperson of the 2003-2004 session of the University Student Senate. As Chair of USS, Ms. Abraham was at the helm of the student organization of the leading and largest public urban university in the nation.

She was elected Senior Class President of the 2005 BA degree in Public Administration and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs and Planning at Queens College of the City University of New York. In 2004 she testified four times before the Federal Government's Higher Education Committee in Washington DC, and served as a clarion call for federal support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (a brain-child of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund). She completed an internship (2004) at the United Nations in the office of the President.

An active participant in her Brooklyn community, Ms. Abraham has been recognized and received many awards to acknowledge her special role, including the 2004 Thurgood Marshall Scholar Award, the 2003 Congressional Achievement Award from Congressman Meeks, and many more. She is involved in many community organizations, including: as the President of Women's Fellowship, at Ebenezer Missionary Chapel, Founding Member and Vice President of John Henrik Clarke/CLR James Institute; and Parliamentarian for the Medgar Evers Community Council. She received the Eastern Caribbean Heritage Proclamation from The Honorable Dr. Kendall B. Stewart, former Chairman Committee on Immigration, of the New York City Council. The Black, Latino and Asian Caucus of the New York City Council bestowed a proclamation to her Ms. Abraham for her volunteer efforts in contributing to the physical and social growth and development of New York City while promoting the heritage and culture of the country she represents Commonwealth of Dominica.

Ms. Abraham was employed at The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development as a Community Liaison; she is a trained Fair Housing Mediator. She worked in Manhattan Housing Court where she mediated unfair housing practices between Landlords and Tenants in an effort to prevent tenants from being evicted. Ms. Abraham is currently employed as a Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the City University of New York with responsibility for Disability and Women's Issues.



# Guillermo Chacón

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**Guillermo Chacón**, longtime community organizer, was promoted to president of the Latino Commission on AIDS in November 2009. Chacón has worked at the Commission since 1995 and is no stranger to AIDS advocacy. He replaced former President Dennis de Leon, who died of AIDS.

When de Leon became president of the Latino Commission on AIDS in 1994, the organization had a staff of two. It now has a staff of 42 and a budget of 3.6 million. AIDS advocates have high praise for Chacón. He has moved in a fresh direction and further expanded the organization's grassroots efforts to working on addressing health disparities. The Latino Commission on AIDS has been working on building alliances with other public health advocates and strengthening their connections with communities, especially the Latino population. For taking that direction and those efforts, CPHS is honor to give Chacón an award.

Chacón is a community organizer by trade and his heart and approach is still evident today. He began community organizing in his parish in El Salvador at age 14. He left El Salvador in 1983 because of the civil war that ravaged the country. However, he went back and forth until he emigrated to the United States permanently in 1995.

It was in the capacity of working against human rights violations in El Salvador that Chacón met de Leon, then the New York City Human Rights Commissioner. In 1995, when he planned to move back to the United States permanently, de Leon offered Chacón a job as a community organizer in 1995, even though at the time Chacón had little HIV/AIDS experience.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, invited Guillermo Chacón to serve on the Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) until November 30, 2016.

On January 19, 2013, Guillermo Chacón was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve on the New York State AIDS Advisory Council. Guillermo is member of the New York State Minority Health Council until May 3rd, 2017. In November 2010, Guillermo Chacón was appointed by Governor Elect Andrew Cuomo to serve on his transition team in the area of Education & Health.

He views his largest contributions to the organization as launching the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in 2003, launching the National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day in 2012 and creating the National Hispanic AIDS Leadership Summit, which brings together organizers from across the country.

# Anne Emerman

## Activist, Disability Rights



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**Anne Emerman** is a fighter with a soft voice and a steely resolve. She is a fighter for herself, for her family and friends, against injustice for everyone, and in particular for the disabled. She is a disability civil rights advocate/activist.

A native of New York City, Ms. Emerman contracted polio in 1944. She spent fourteen years in acute and long term care facilities. Breaking out of the institution, she attended Hunter College and then graduated from the Columbia School of Social Work in 1964. She then went to work for the Psychiatric Hospital at Bellevue under the Department of Hospitals, the forerunner of HHC.

Ms. Emerman left her job at Bellevue to raise her daughter, and joined Disabled In Action. DIA, along with the Eastern Paralyzed Veteran's Association, Independent Living Centers, and others, including public interest lawyers, worked to pass legislation, codes and regulations, and then forced government to enforce and then comply with these laws. Activities to enforce these laws included many rallies and demonstrations.

Ms. Emerman was the Director of the Office for People with Disabilities under Mayor Dinkins and was fired by Giuliani's administration. She was then the *senior policy advisor to the City Council's Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services from 2002-'06; and a member of Community Board 6 for 16 years.* She worked on many important, including challenges of hospitals lack of access for people with disabilities.

Ms. Emerman and her husband founded the DIA SINGERS. The group of folk singers slowly enters a church basement in Manhattan where they are to give a concert. Observing them maneuver to their places behind the microphones — some are blind, others are in wheelchairs, some are accompanied by family members, others by home health aides — it is clear that this concert is going to be a little out of the ordinary. Their music is the sounds of the Disability Rights Movement.

# **Jill Furillo, RN**

**Executive Director, NYSNA**



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**Jill Furillo, RN, BSN, PHN**, is the executive director of the New York State Nurses Association, New York's largest union and professional association of registered nurses.

CPHS is honoring this whirlwind union leader who is moving her union, and influencing other unions in ways not seen before.

In the past, fights for community health were not always on the top of labor's agenda. Ms. Furillo has influenced a major change. Ms. Furillo spent time in New York City working as a nurse and an organizer.

She moved to California to lead struggles in the California Nurses Association, including nurse staffing ratios. Members of the board of NYSNA spent years working to change the structure and the leadership. Furillo was hired and joined NYSNA in 2012 in order to help transform the union into a progressive voice for registered nurses. Working together with the NYSNA Board of Directors and member leaders, Furillo and her staff launched a campaign to stop the epidemic of hospital cuts and closures. Two hospitals in Brooklyn, Long Island College Hospital and Interfaith Medical Center, remain open for care because of the fight that NYSNA has waged in coalition with other unions, patients, CPHS, doctors' groups, community groups, performing artists and elected allies.

The hospital campaigns built by these coalitions helped spur a dramatic turnaround in the New York City Mayoral race when Bill de Blasio, Letitia James, and Scott Stringer made community hospitals a central theme in winning campaigns -- de Blasio was arrested alongside Furillo, LICH and Interfaith nurses, caregivers, elected leaders, community advocates and patients to protect Brooklyn hospitals. NYSNA's work was instrumental in the election of the progressive city leadership and is helping to build new and unprecedented political power for nurses and patients in New York.

The public hospitals in New York City's Health and Hospital Corporation are considered the finest in the country, in large part due to NYSNA members' commitment to quality care. No one is turned away, no matter their circumstance. Led by the HHC NYSNA Executive Council and its President Anne Bové, RN, NYSNA consistently advocates for the protection and expansion of HHC health services for all New Yorkers. As others gave up, NYSNA kept up the fight challenging the privatization of the HHC dialysis clinics, raising important standards of quality of care issues. This issue looks like another important win.

NYSNA's commitment to ending inequality in healthcare has been at the root of all campaigns -- including the fight to reverse privatization, to protect and strengthen our public hospital system, and to ensure that every patient has access to quality, affordable healthcare. In the spirit of the activist union NYSNA has become, the union also won its first large organizing victory in nearly a decade at Bellevue Woman's Center in Upstate New York, where nurses voted overwhelmingly to have a united voice and joined NYSNA.

**Sharonnie Perry**

**Chairperson,**

**Interfaith Hospital Community Advisory Board**



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## Chairperson, Interfaith Hospital Community Advisory Board



**Sharonnie Perry** today serves as the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board for Interfaith Medical Center. She has spent many years fighting for Interfaith and to improve the services. As Chair of the Advisory Board, Ms. Perry has played a critical role in the Coalition to Save Interfaith Hospital, by keeping elected officials in touch and supporting the effort, by planning and leading critical rallies in support, and generally all around being a leader in this very important fight.

Ms. Perry was born in the village of Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn New York. She has been an activist in her community for over 40 years. Ms. Perry is the mother of two sons, Da-Shawn and Jah-Son Sr. She is the proud grandmother of Jaylin, Jah-Son, Jr. and Javonnie. She is a woman of faith; she believes if you put God at the head of your life and Jesus at the center, you will not fail. Ms. Perry attributes her success in life to God, her parents Dolly and James; family, mentors and spiritual advisors, Father Jim Goode, Bishop Albert Jamison, Carmela Rodriguez and Annette Robinson. She also remembers her ancestors whose shoulders she stands on Mama Lola, Baba Mezee, Thoma, Bill Banks and others who have passed this way.

Ms. Perry lives her life by one of her favorite sayings, "I have come to serve and not to be served." In that spirit she fought against the decentralization of Public Schools, founded Parents On The Move, a self –help organization for homeless parents and children. She is also an advocate for affordable housing, education, employment, senior services and healthcare. In 1982, she saw a need that became one of her greatest passions to date: HIV/AIDS activism. Sharonnie has traveled the country to inform people about the healthcare and services offered to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Perry has been recognized across the country. She has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for her efforts. Those efforts have come from extending her hands to those in need and dedicating her life to her sisters and brothers. She has brought hope to those on the verge of giving up.

Ms. Perry has been a political consultant; in various capacities she has helped elect countless elected officials at all levels of government. She has evangelized on both the local and national levels as the keynote speaker for the Young Black Achievers in New York and the Historical National Gathering of Black Catholic Women in Charlotte North Carolina. She sums up her life in the struggle with these words. "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain."



# **Diane Porter**

## **Director, IM Foundation**



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**Canon Diane Porter** is a member of the Interfaith Medical Center Board of Trustees. She is also the President of the IM Foundation. She was an active and very vocal member, of what was called the Brooklyn Health Working Group people sitting around the table trying to rationalize a merger between Interfaith and The Brooklyn Hospital Center. As a very reluctant participant in this group, CPHS staff greatly appreciated Canon Porter's "take on the situation." Although many others took credit for the funding and production of the Community Health Needs Assessment, it was Canon Porter who recommended this be done and put money on the table, which was then matched by Brooklyn Hospital and the State Health Department. This was a first, and although the assessment did not turn out the way that CPHS hoped, the very doing of the needs assessment was a milestone.

Canon Porter has a long history of activism within organizations and communities. As the Senior VP for the Episcopal Church's national headquarters, her portfolio included the advocacy, witness and justice ministries. As such, she was often found in all the "hot spots" around the globe—the Middle East and Palestine, South Africa, Haiti, Nicaragua, the Front Line States. Canon Porter says they are practically all the places where no sensible person would visit!

She became an advocate for the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in the Gaza Strip—a facility of the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem that provided health care under the most impossible of situations to the neediest—clearly a place where advocacy, witness and justice was needed.

Simultaneously, the Chair of the Board of St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn asked Canon Porter if she would be willing to do some volunteer work in the Neo-Natal Unit with low birth weight babies, many of whom had become drug addicted in utero; and many of these children became abandoned. She did volunteer work as time and travel permitted. Each time she visited St. John's, she came away thinking this clearly is the place where Advocacy, Witness and Justice are needed.

The health needs of the people in the Gaza Strip and the health needs in Central Brooklyn were essentially all the same—the difference—geography. The issues were the same—under capitalization, government indifference, difficult supply chain, adverse street life.

That's how it began. For 30 years, Canon Porter has sought to be an advocate for the health needs of the people of Central Brooklyn and Interfaith Hospital, to bear witness to those needs and to do justice. Her Baptismal Covenant, that she reaffirms annually, requires that she strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. And...just like in the Gaza Strip—the need remains in Central Brooklyn. At a very crucial point in the struggle to save Interfaith Hospital in this round, Canon Porter intervened with funding for a consultant to draft an alternative plan to the one approved by the Interfaith Board of Trustees—to close the hospital, giving in to the State Health Department's demands. The alternative plan developed stopped the closing clock for long enough to allow stepped up community and labor mobilization in a coalition to save the hospital.



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# Mission

The mission of the **Commission on the Public's Health System (cphs\*)** is “to fight for equal access to quality health care services for everyone regardless of their race, ethnicity, language spoken, diagnosis, or the ability to pay.” This mission guides our work, which we accomplish by: involving our board and membership, working closely with community organizations and unions, and forming or joining coalition efforts on important issues. Some of the things that we have accomplished and will continue to pursue:

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## Accomplishments

CPHS has organized over 20 community meetings and forums around a range of access to health care issues, in almost every borough and focused on low-income immigrant and communities of color. Two Immunization Clinics (Bronx and Queens) were saved from being closed by the NYC Department of Health.





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# Accomplishments

Labor and Delivery Services will re-open at North Central Bronx Hospital. We have established and co-lead a strong coalition with North West Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Women Organizing Neighborhoods, North West Community Power, Choices in Child Birth, NYSNA, DC 37, Doctor's Council, Bronx Community Board No. 7, City Council Member's Ritchie Torres and Steve Cohen's office, and an ethnically and racially diverse group of mothers and fathers, and residents. We had three successful public forums turning out all together over 400 people. We had a rocky start with HHC and the North Central Bronx Network, but now we are moving towards the right direction. A joint working group with HHC and the NCB administration has been formed to plan out the re-opening of L&D. This includes a community outreach committee.



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# Accomplishments

We conducted a short survey of state contracted community-based Navigators. The Navigators help individuals, families, and small businesses shop for and enroll in health insurance coverage offered in the new market place called the New York State of Health. We are currently analyzing the survey responses.





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# Accomplishments

Because of our organizing with the Save Our Safety-net Campaign (SOS-C), a Disparities Committee was set up for the second round of the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT). Eight of the 16 members appointed to this committee were recommended by CPHS and SO-C. In addition, the State created a new office headed by an Associate Commissioner of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention.









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# Accomplishments

After the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, we joined the **St. Vincent's Community Health Assessment Task Force**. Our role was to ensure that the voices of low-income and communities of color were heard in the process by, both developing a survey and by working with the tenants of NYCHA's Fulton Houses to collect and disseminate the findings. With several organizations and unions, we are organizing a campaign to address the lack of meaningful community involvement and input in decisions made to close health care facilities. We are also trying to create a solution to address the state's failure in the past to replace the critical life-saving services provided by those facilities or even to formulate a plan to do so. These closures do not stem from any planned efforts to improve health care for New Yorkers, but from financial and political pressures--often resulting in the City-approved transfer of hospital property to private developers. We have made progress in catching the attention of City Council members around the issue of community health planning to address health disparities and establish democratic local control of our public health resources.



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# Accomplishments

New York State has a troubling history in the spending priorities, transparency, and accountability in how federal **Medicaid Waiver** dollars are used. In every case, grassroots efforts have been made to require greater transparency and legislative/public involvement. In this new round of a Waiver extension, we did see some success from those past efforts. There are some critical mechanisms in place and opportunities for community input in how dollars are intended for the safety-net is going to be distributed. The fight is not over; we have to still galvanize support to improve the key terms and conditions of this Waiver.



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## **Accomplishments**

We were able to temporarily stop HHC's plan to privatize dialysis services of four New York City HHC hospitals, Harlem Hospital, Kings County Hospital, Lincoln Hospital Center and Metropolitan Hospital. We did this by joining with our union partners DC 37, Doctors Council, CIR, and NYSNA. HHC started to plan, over a year ago, to sell their dialysis units to Big Apple Dialysis, a for-profit franchise of Atlantic Dialysis. With backing from government data, we have made it clear that private dialysis centers do not perform as well as the hospitals themselves.



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# Accomplishments

## Shaping Decisions Around Key Health Positions

In 2014, we were invited to join the Public Health Subcommittee for Mayor De Blasio's Transition Team. We helped to develop criteria and identify candidates for NYC Health Commissioner and HHC President. We are proud to have helped influence and advocate for the appointment of Dr. Mary Bassett for New York City Department of Health Commissioner.



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## Mobilizing our Board and our Members

The **cphs\*** Board is active in all aspects of the work of the organization. **cphs\*** holds eleven monthly membership meetings, inviting guest speakers, discussing priorities, planning collaborative activities and gathering volunteers for projects.





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# **Publications**

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**A WAY FROM THE MARKET PLACE**

Changing the Equation: A Community Strategic Policy and Financing Project.



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**CHILD HEALTH CLINICS**  
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May 2001

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CBO's Knowledge of the Health Care Safety Net



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A report by the Commission on the Public's Health System in Cooperation with the Council of Municipal Hospitals Community Boards



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**CHCCDP: Are We Getting Our Money's Worth?**  
Monitoring the Use of Community Health Care Conversion Demonstration Project Funds



**Commission on the Public's Health System**  
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**HEALTHY CHILDREN**

What's Needed for Quality Services?



**Commission on the Public's Health System**  
June 1998

**Paying New York State Hospitals More Fairly for Their Care to Uninsured Patients**

A Report to the Commission on the Public's Health System (CPHS)

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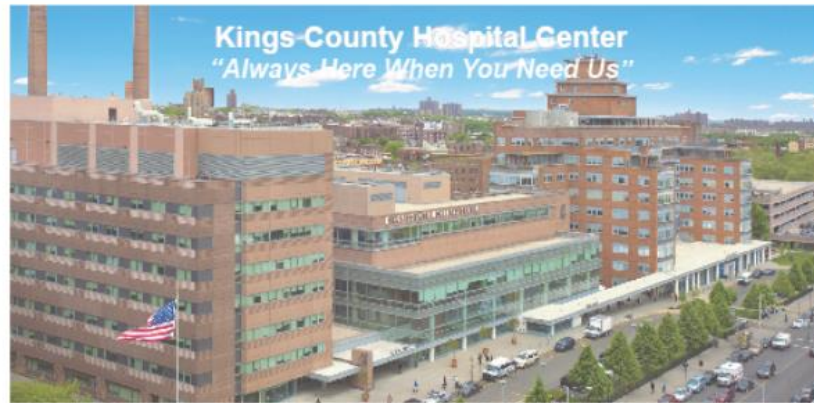
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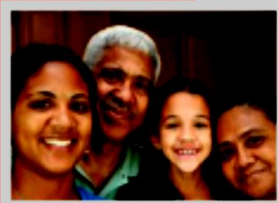
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