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2013

MARSHALL ENGLAND

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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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.

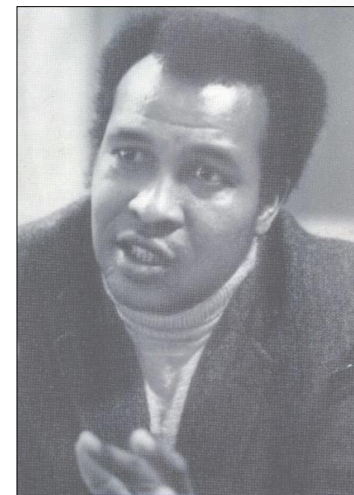
Marshall England was born in 1932 in Thomasville, Alabama to the late Rev. L.T. England and Daisy Brown England. He grew up in the south and graduated from Alabama A & M University, served in the Army, and then went on to teach at the Linden Academy High School for three years where he also coached the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



Heroes and Sheroes of Public Health

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Velmanette Montgomery

New York State Senator

25th Senate District



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Velmanette Montgomery is recognized for her effective leadership and steadfast commitment to her constituents of north and central Brooklyn as well as to New Yorkers statewide.

In her role as the Ranking Member, Democrat Conference on the Senate Committee on Children and families, Senator Montgomery is committed to helping young people achieve positive outcomes through reform of the State's juvenile justice, foster care and adoptive care systems.

Senator Montgomery continues to be one of New York's leading proponents of school-based health care as a model system for delivering comprehensive primary and mental health services to children of all ages, in the school setting where youth spend most of their day. The Senator's Teen Health Agenda includes legislation that requires, among other things, the teaching of age appropriate, medically accurate sexuality education in kindergarten through 12th grade. Senator Montgomery is the co-sponsor of the law that allows for the certification of nurse practitioners, and she spearheaded the campaign to stem the spread of AIDS among intravenous drug users through legalized needle exchange programs.

As a respected advocate for criminal justice reform and a member of the Senate Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction, Senator Montgomery sponsored a law that prevents New Yorkers from being arbitrarily denied a license to barber or practice cosmetology just because they spent time in prison. She also authored a law that prohibits the shackling of a pregnant woman in prison while being transported to the hospital to deliver her baby.

Other recent Montgomery laws include a measure that prevent the NYS Office of Children and Families from posting the home address or personal information of day care providers on the Internet; a proposal that provided over \$400 million in federal funding for the repair of NYCHA buildings, and a law that prohibits employers from discriminating in the granting of funeral or bereavement leave to its employees who are in a committed same-sex relationship. Also, in 2012, Senator Montgomery sponsored a law to support New York's primary industry, agriculture, by requiring the State's Procurement Council to include a member of a non-profit organization that represents New York's farming communities.

Jackie Rowe-Adams

Community Activist

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Jackie Rowe-Adams is a lifetime resident of Harlem, New York. She grew up on 122nd Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard. Attending the Manhattan Christian Reform Church, Benjamin Franklin High School and the all Citywide School of Music; her life has been dedicated to serving her community, her church and her family.

As a youngster, Jackie enjoyed a variety of programs, such as softball, track and field, choir and a summer exchange program to Pennsylvania Dutch Country, run by the community, the City and her church. At an early age, Jackie also started to give back to her community. She became a youth counselor in her church's summer day camp and began putting together glee clubs and talent shows. She also began her career as community activist going door to door helping her mother get petitions signed. She went on to use her talents with the Police Athletic League, City of New York Parks & Recreation and the local Community Board. She has served on Community Board #10 and Community Board #12. She also served as the president of School Board District 5 in 1999. She also ran for City Council in 2001. She is a member and President of Local 299, and Vice President of District Council 37, served as the President of School District 56, and Civic Association serving Harlem, Harlem Week Board, Project Harmony, and Mid-Manhattan NAACP.

Jackie has worked tirelessly with young people and seniors as a music specialist with Parks & Recreation since 1986. In 1992 she started a non-profit organization, Talented Seniors and Youth On The Move Inc., that provides performance opportunities and college scholarships. She also co-founded an organization called Harlem Mothers Saves in 2006. Since 1993, she has been the Recreation Center Manager at Morningside Park where she turned what was once a drug-infested park into a truly remarkable oasis for youth and community activity. In 1998, she took on the added challenge of running The Jackie Robinson Recreation Center, another potential bright spot in a troubled park. She also sits on the ARC Board. Jackie Rowe-Adams sits on the Board of the Renaissance Health Care of Patient Care and now is the Chair of the Board. Her unique ability to bring out the hidden talents in others and conviction that everyone can make a difference guarantees success.

Jackie's singing career continues even as she coordinates her senior center activities. She sings not only for churches throughout the Harlem Community, but also for weddings and parties. She appeared in the Off-Broadway musical "Mamma I Want To Sing" and has sung the National Anthem at Shea Stadium and at the opening of the Special Senior Olympics in Syracuse. She has received several awards referring to her community activities, recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Division of the Citizen's Academy, The Charles H. Moore Jr. community Service Award, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center Award and many others. Although Mrs. Adams has received numerous awards from the community, the police department and her peers but perhaps most important, she has inspired the love and respect from all who have had the opportunity to meet her and know her.

Mrs. Adams is married to William L. Adams and has two sons, Eric, and Bryan her greatest motivation.

Damaris Reyes

Executive Director

GOLES (Good Old Lower Eastside)



WE SEE OPPRESSION EVERY DAY, AND WE WANT TO SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE.



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Damaris Reyes is a lifelong resident of the Lower East Side who has been involved in community organizing and housing issues locally and nationally for over a decade. She currently serves as Executive Director of GOLES (Good Old Lower East Side); an organization dedicated to preserving and expanding affordable housing through empowering low-income residents on the Lower East Side.

As head of GOLES, Reyes has repeatedly delivered strong, effective, leadership including during Hurricane Sandy when 13 foot waves claimed streets and basements from the East River to Avenue B causing transportation collapse; inaccessible homes and businesses; power outages; lack of food and water; inability to use ATMs and food stamp cards and downed internet and phones.

During this frightening period, Reyes stepped up to and over the plate. Through Facebook, she shouted out for help and over 3,000 volunteers descended upon the Lower East Side! Using them, Reyes led her staff and other partners to find and help those most in need; canvassing buildings; helping the disabled; delivering groceries, meals, water, flashlights, 10,000 blankets and more. Reyes led this inconceivable, massive relief effort using nothing more than her passion to serve, dedication to our community and grass roots sensibility.

Reyes currently sits on the board of Association for Neighborhood Housing and Development, Center for Neighborhood Leadership and Land Use, Zoning & Housing Committee of Manhattan Community Board 3. She is the recipient of the 2006 New York Women's Foundation's Helen La Kelly Hunt Neighborhood Leadership Award, 2008 Urban Agenda Visionary Award and the proud winner of the 2009 Jane Jacobs Medal from the Rockefeller Foundation and Municipal Arts Society given to individuals whose work creates new ways of seeing and understanding our City, challenges traditional assumptions and creatively uses the urban environment to make New York City a place of hope and expectation.

Damaris Reyes is the proud mother of two children, Desney and Dorian.

Judy Wessler

Former Director **cphs***



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For the past 21 years, until her recent retirement/redirection, **Judy Wessler** was an integral part of CPHS. As a member of the coalition that organized CPHS, she was actively involved from the very beginning of the organization. She was one of the volunteers that kept CPHS going in the first four years and then, as a member of the collective steering committee that coordinated the work. Ms. Wessler became the full-time volunteer Policy Director in 1995 for two years, and then in 2000 became the Director. Along with Marshall England, Ana Dumois, and Lani Sanjek, Joann Thompson and Anjean Carter, Ms. Wessler helped to grow the group through organizing, advocacy, research and policy development to the well-recognized independent current entity that is described as “lean and mean.” CPHS extends its reach through organizing and joining coalitions of consumers, community organizations, advocates, and labor that focus on public health and access to care.

CPHS has become known for its strong board and involvement of its membership in developing priorities and activities to promote and address the issues identified. CPHS has focused on: equity in health care funding; access to health care services; access to care for low-income, medically underserved children; saving and improving the public health and hospital system; addressing health care disparities; and community-based involvement in the health care decision making process. Through this focus, CPHS and Ms. Wessler have had an impact on major health care issues, including the need for funding for safety net health care providers.

CPHS has been actively involved in pushing decisions about public health funding in the state and city budget, through having organized the People’s Budget Coalition on Public Health. With foundation funding, CPHS researched and documented important community health issues, such as: cultural competence; who are the uninsured; parents and teens impressions and opinions about health care needs in their community. CPHS co-organized, and has co-coordinated, the Save Our Safety Net – Campaign (SOS-C) since 2005, that raises the important issues of services in underserved communities and equity in funding, resources, and services.

Ms. Wessler served in many different positions before joining the staff of CPHS. She served as the Medicaid coordinator and participated in opening the New York office of the Children’s Defense Fund; as the Health Policy staff for Manhattan Borough President Messinger, as Health Policy Coordinator at the Community Service Society, and before that as the Health Advocacy Coordinator in two positions in Legal Services in New York City. Her many years working on health care issues have revolved around: support of the public system; access to care for low-income, medically underserved, immigrant and communities of color; and addressing serious inequities in care. She has won many awards and published some important reports.



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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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PUBLIC HEALTH CARE IS **NOT** FOR SALE!

Tell Mayor Bloomberg and the NYC Council:
RESTORE PUBLIC HEALTH CUTS!
ENSURE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL NEW YORKERS!

DON'T LEAVE NEW YORKERS WITH
'INSUFFICIENT FARE'
FOR HEALTH CARE

INSUFFICIENT FARE
for public health services in NYC!

NYC New York Deserves a
Health Access Pass

Health budget cuts threaten public health!

~~BERGER
COMMISSION~~

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HEALTHCARE EDUCATION ACTIVIST TEAM
An HHC Municipal Labor Subcommittee Project

Public Health Care Under the Knife

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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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Advocating for Community Health:

cphs* worked on the St. Vincent's Community Health Assessment Task Force, set up by elected officials and the local community boards, after the closing of the hospital. The goal of the Task Force was to identify health needs not being met after the closing of the hospital. The role of **cphs*** was to ensure that the voices of low-income and communities of color were heard in the process of assessing the community's needs. **cphs*** developed a survey instrument, later adapted for on-line survey by Hunter College, and worked with the tenants Fulton Houses to collect and disseminate the findings.



St. Vincent's Community Health Assessment Survey



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Advocating for Community Health:

- **cphs*** stimulated discussions at membership meetings to understand what public health impacts there were in affected communities. Presentations by community representatives, along with nurses and doctors who volunteered post-Sandy. There was recognition that the city and state had no public health safety net in place, which stimulated other work.
- When NYU hospital Center received \$150 million in FEMA aid, while hospitals like Bellevue, who truly are a safety-net hospital, still were waiting for aid; CPHS became appalled and sprung to action to question what was going on. Actually, Ms. Wessler, Director at the time, was interviewed by an NBC reporter about that. Check out the report at <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/I-TEAM-FEMA-Grants-to-NYU-Questioned--189090071.html>



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Protecting the Safety Net

- **cphs*** received funding from the City Council to support the health care safety net work that we do. This funding allows **cphs*** to focus strongly on this issue.
- A huge challenge to the safety net continued this year based on the proposals emanating from the Governor's appointed Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT). **cphs***, with others, mobilized community organizations and residents to testify and raise concerns about the impact of Medicaid cuts in increasing health care disparities. Because of organizing, a Disparities Committee was set up for the second round of the MRT, which focused on planning and redesign. Eight of the 16 members appointed to this committee were recommended by **cphs*/SOS-C**. In addition, perhaps as a direct or indirect result of this work, the State Health Commissioner created a new office with an Associate Commissioner of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention. Yvonne Graham, a well-known advocate, was appointed to this position.



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Protecting the Safety Net

- **cphs*** and **SOS-C** focused on an MRT committee set up to look at the hospital system in North and Central Brooklyn. A 5- member committee, chaired by the financier Stephen Berger, developed a report that recommended merging hospitals and reducing the number of inpatient beds in an already medically underserved community. **SOS-C** mobilized for a public hearing and monitored all of the actions of this committee. A critique of the final report was well-received and widely circulated. In addition, **SOS-C** created the Brooklyn Stakeholders Workgroup subcommittee, which has been meeting to influence the Brooklyn Health Care Crisis.
- **SOS-C** was represented (BPN, NYLPI, and **cphs***) on a Task Force set up by State Senator Sampson and co-coordinated by the Brooklyn Borough President's office. A summary of its report and recommendations was prepared. In addition, **SOS-C** members met with many of the Brooklyn elected officials, stimulating a Public Forum sponsored by Councilmember Eugene, and a large round-table of elected officials, health care providers, unions, and community organizations.



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Protecting the Safety Net

- **SOS-C** planned a large round-table meeting to broaden the organizations involved in the Brooklyn efforts. We were asked by Senator Sampson to join a Task Force set up to plan for Brooklyn, Interfaith and Wyckoff Hospitals. By June, **cphs*** and the other organizations were invited to submit a proposal to do a community health needs assessment in North and Central Brooklyn. This proposal was funded by the State Health Department, the Foundation at Interfaith Medical Center, and the Brooklyn Hospital Center. The months of July through November were spent in: doing a survey, analyzing the survey of 644 residents, writing the analysis of the survey, and developing community-based recommendations based on the feed-back from the surveys – this part of the report was finished with the time-table for this project. In addition, 9 focus groups were organized to capture the populations not readily captured in the survey. The full report is much delayed and will be released sometime in April 2013. **cphs*** version of the survey work is on our website.



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Protecting the Safety Net

- **cphs*** has long advocated for major changes in the allocation of the state's Charity Care pools, which total over \$1 billion a year in funding. **cphs*** used the report developed for **cphs*** by Dr. Alan Sager which was funded through a grant from the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation. The report had an analysis of the current system and proposed alternative methodologies for distributing the funds. **cphs*** summarized the proposal and circulated for sign-on support, with over 50 organizations endorsing the proposal. The eventual recommendations from the State Health Department adopted some of the **cphs*** proposals; however the proposed implementation still creates problems. **cphs*** has initiated a new campaign to ensure that changes are made, and that legislation is enacted in this state legislative session. Working with Assembly member Gottfried, state legislation was drafted to phase in changes in charity care distribution. The proposal would have the money following uninsured patients and would target high Medicaid hospitals with additional dollars. The State Assembly caved to pressure from hospitals, not shortening the payment transition time thus potentially threatening the loss of additional federal funding. **cphs*** has also been working on defining the safety net so money gets allocated to the right facilities in communities of need.



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Protecting the Safety Net

- **cphs*** has been a major supporter of the Health and Hospitals Corporation and its efforts to improve quality of care, safety for patients, and improve access to services. **cphs*** works closely with the Council of Municipal Hospitals Community Advisory Boards (CMHCAB's) in organizing this support. There have been many activities relating to HHC.
- Recently, **cphs*** joined New York State Nurses Association and DC 37, and community organizations to fight a proposal to privatize all of the HHC dialysis services. **cphs*** got information questioning the company that was to take-over dialysis services. Testimony at the HHC Board and committee meetings raised the bar in reviewing this proposal. Although the proposal was approved, **cphs*** is part of monitoring what is happening to HHC patients needing dialysis.

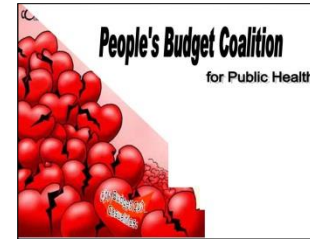
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Being on the Frontlines of the Budget Battles

- **cphs*** continues to coordinate the People's Budget Coalition for Public Health (PBC). The coalition continues to identify the key public health programs and services that either have not been proposed for restoration to the city budget, or are proposed for additional cuts. PBC scheduled meetings with Councilmembers to discuss these cuts and held two rallies in June, one in front of 250 Broadway and another on the steps of City Hall. All of PBC's priorities were either fully or partially restored in last year's budget. The coalition is currently working on Fiscal Year 2014's priorities.
- As a member of MMNY, **cphs*** participates in discussions of what to support and advocate for in the state budget. In particular, **cphs*** strongly advocates for funding to end health care disparities, expand primary care, and to ensure the continued viability of the health care safety net.

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June 4th Rally



Join us for a rally and
speak out against
budget cuts in
public health!

Monday, June 4th
9:30 A.M.
outside 250 Broadway NY, NY
Bring your banners and signs!

Say **NO** to Bloomberg's **Unhealthy Budget!**

Health cuts hurt everyone! The Mayor's budget
continues to slash public health services and programs all over OUR city!

Millions of dollars are being dis-invested from our children and our
communities including Child Health Clinics, the Infant Mortality
Reduction Initiative, HIV Prevention, Mental Health, our public hospital system
HHC, STD clinics, and the **ELIMINATION** of the Office of Minority Health!

**On June 4th, join the People's Budget Coalition for Public Health as
we take a stand against a harmful and unjust budget!**

PBC Organization Members Arab-American Family Support Center, Brooklyn Perinatal Network, The Bronx Health Link, The Children's Defense Fund- New York, Citizen's Committee for Children, The Citywide Coalition to End Infant Mortality, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, Commission on the Public's Health System, District Council 37, Doctor's Council SEIU, Federation of County Networks, Inc, Fort Greene SNAP, Housing Works, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Manhattan Borough President's Disability Task Force, New York Immigration Coalition, New York State Nurses Association, Village Care

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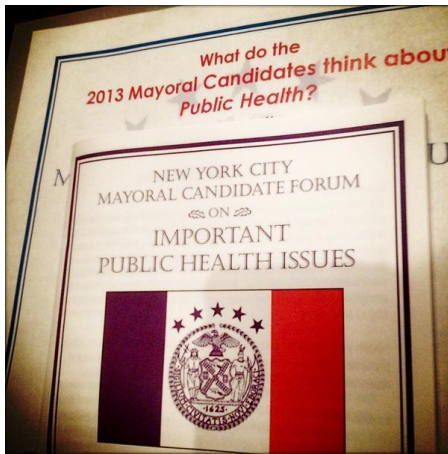
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Planning a Mayoral Forum on Public Health

- **cphs***, with **SOS-C**, organized a Planning Committee to plan a Mayoral Forum on Public Health which was sponsored by more than 20 groups. A strategy was developed to ensure that public health issues had a spotlight and attention from candidates for Mayor. Questions were developed and sent to the Mayoral Candidates. Additional information was collected and a policy paper was developed that detailed Important Public Health Issues. The forum was held on Wednesday, January 16th at the LIU Brooklyn and 340/340 tickets were registered. Tom Allon, Sal Albanese, Bill Thompson, John Liu and many press attended. More information about the issue paper and the forum can be found at www.wewantapublichealthmayor2013.wordpress.com

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Publications

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**Culturally Competent Care:
Some Examples of What Works**

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Child Care Resources in New York City (2008)

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION
A Book of Essays by the Commission on the Public's Health System

The Commission on the Public's Health System continues its ongoing community engagement work through the publication of this book. The report of the CPHS's Special Study on Early Childhood Care and Education highlights the challenges and opportunities facing the city's young children and their families. The report also provides a framework for the city's early childhood system, including a vision for the future and a set of recommendations for the city's early childhood system. The report is available in Spanish and Chinese.

Current Statistics (2008-2009)

Every year, approximately 1.5 million children are enrolled in early childhood care and education programs in New York City. The report highlights the challenges and opportunities facing the city's young children and their families. The report also provides a framework for the city's early childhood system, including a vision for the future and a set of recommendations for the city's early childhood system. The report is available in Spanish and Chinese.

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A WAY FROM THE MARKET PLACE

**Changing the Foundation
A Community Strategic Policy and Planning Project**

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Voices from The Community

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**A City-wide Child/Teen/Family Health Policy Agenda
Developed by Communities for Communities**

Report of the Child/Teen/Family Health Policy Agenda
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**Sinking
to the
Bottom Line**

**Judy Wessler
Linda Ostreicher**
with the Commission on the Public's Health System

May 2001

THE MISSING LINKS
CBO's Knowledge of the Health Care Safety Net

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

June 2003

**PLACING A HUMAN FACE
ON THE UNINSURED**

Commission on the Public's Health System
July 2007

**Flyers
on
THE RIGHTS OF
THE UNINSURED IN
NEW YORK CITY**

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**LOS DERECHOS
De la personas sin seguro médico
en la CIUDAD de NUEVA YORK**

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**The Human Cost of
Efficiency:
HHC in the Era of
Budget Reductions**

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

April 1998

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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
April 2003

**HEALTHY
CHILDREN**

Commission on the Public's Health System
June 2006

**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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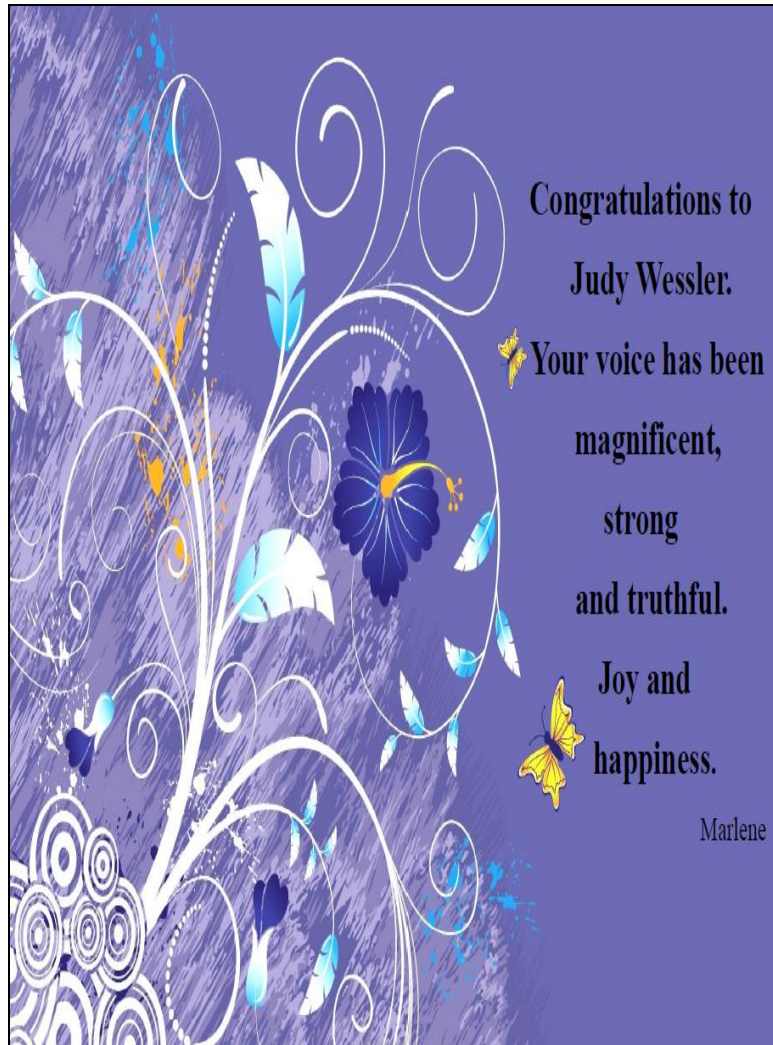
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