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Adrienne Abbate, MPA  
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Dear Ms. Abbate,


The Office of the Borough President is pleased to offer our support of and commitment to the Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness' (SIPCW) NYS Health Foundation application. Our most recent collaboration through the Staten Island Asthma Coalition (SIAC) has endeavored to establish the Staten Island Asthma Quality Improvement Initiative (SI AQII). The SIAC was launched in 2016 as a partnership between the Office of the Borough President, the Staten Island Performing Provider System (SI PPS), and our local hospitals to mitigate health disparities and improve asthma outcomes, specifically for the most vulnerable residents of our borough.

The Office of the Borough President has a long history of working with SIPCW on population health projects to address emerging health needs. Our office continues to collaborate and work closely with SIPCW to address the opioid epidemic. Currently, we are making great strides in our joint effort to implement substance use prevention education and early intervention protocols in schools. Our Health and Wellness Director Dr. Ginny Mantello also serves on SIPCW's Tackling Youth Substance Use Steering committee, and the Opioid and School committees.

Another critical public health issue our Health and Wellness advisory team has prioritized is childhood obesity. As the backbone of the Child Wellness Initiative (CWI), SIPCW has made significant progress in confronting this challenge. Our office continues to be closely involved in this project.

Therefore, we stand ready to support SIPCW in examining social determinants of health and creating a replicable community-wide learning collaborative to address childhood youth asthma.

Sincerely

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

