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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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B E F O R E: COREY JOHNSON
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: UNKNOWN

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: Good morning

everyone. I am Council Member Corey Johnson, Chair of the City Council's Committee on Health. Thank you for joining us for today's vote on three bills:

Injured Auction Numbers 1161A, 1162A and 1172A.

These reporting bills were introduced by Council

Member Crowley and I want to thank her for her work

on them. The first bill proposed introduction Number

1161A would require reporting by DOHMH on HPV

vaccinations rates. The HPV vaccine can prevent may

cancers including cervical cancer, anal cancer, vulva

cancer and vaginal cancer. It is recommended by the

World Health Organization, Center For Disease Control

and other medical experts for pre-teen and teenage

girls and boys as well as some older men who have sex

with men and people with compromised immune systems.

DOHMH collects immunization data through the city-

wide immunization registry and we look forward to

having access to this data each year to gauge the

effectiveness of HPV vaccine promotion efforts. The

second bill, proposed introduction 1162A, would

require reporting by DOHMH on the use of

contraceptives including long acting reversible

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2 contraceptives as well as traditional forms of birth
3 control such as the pill and condoms. The Affordable
4 Care Act requires most private insurers to cover
5 contraceptives without a copay and the speaker spoke
6 about the importance of free access to contraceptives
7 in her State of the City speech this month.

8 Effective contraception empowers women and families
9 and we must ensure that all women in New York City
10 regardless of their income or insurance status have
11 access to cost free contraceptives of their choice.

12 Getting annual data on contraceptive use will allow
13 DOHMH advocates and others to see how effectively
14 this benefit is being secured. And finally, proposed
15 introduction Number 1172A would require reporting by
16 DOHMH on maternal mortality. New York City's
17 maternal mortality rate has improved significantly
18 between 2001 and 2010 the latest year analyzed.

19 However, New York City still have vast disparities in
20 maternal mortality. Black, non-Hispanic woman are
21 approximately 12 times as likely to die from
22 pregnancy related causes as white non-Hispanic woman.

23 This bill would require annual reporting so that the
24 council and others can monitor the city's progress in
25 lowering maternal mortality rates and disparities. I

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want to thank David Citcer (SP), the Committee
Council, Crystal Pawn, the policy analyst, Lewis --

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