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**GUEST SPEAKER: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER K. ALETHA MAYBANK
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**K. ALETHA MAYBANK, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
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K. Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, recently appointed as an Assistant Commissioner in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, serves as Director of the Brooklyn District Public Health Office located in Central Brooklyn since April 2009. The mission of the District Public Health Offices is to reduce health inequalities and promote health equity across New York City by targeting resources, programs, and attention to high-need neighborhoods in the South Bronx, East and Central Harlem, and North and Central Brooklyn.

Prior to this, Dr. Maybank was Founding Director of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in Long Island, NY since its launch in 2005. Under her leadership, the Suffolk County Office of Minority Health addressed the alarming health inequities and barriers to care for racial and ethnic minorities in Suffolk County through strategic implementation of the CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Standards and by working with communities to build relationships that encouraged equitable interactions. In 2007, Dr. Maybank, along with faculty at the Center for Public Health and Health Policy Research at Stony Brook University co-founded the Suffolk County Minority Health Action Coalition, which now involves over 50 community stakeholders all interested in improving the health outcomes of minority communities in Suffolk County.

Currently, Dr. Maybank serves on the Board of the New York State Public Health Association. She also serves on the voluntary faculty as Clinical Instructor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the SUNY (State University of New York)/Stony Brook University School of Medicine, teaching on topics related to health inequities and the value of being a culturally competent physician. Dr. Maybank

has presented on topics related to health disparities, cultural competency, and health literacy at numerous local and national events and television shows. She has also been recognized for her public health contributions with various awards and honors.

Dr. Maybank holds a BA from Johns Hopkins University, a MD from Temple University School of Medicine, and a MPH from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She is Board Certified in both Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine/Public Health.