

MOTION

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 *Leerdam*

The Island Council from the Public Entity of St. Eustatius, in the meeting of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

**Subject: Realization of a Dialysis Center on St. Eustatius**

*Considering* Diabetes and Hypertension are the two main leading factors that contribute to kidney failure. The above illnesses are prevalent in the community of St. Eustatius.

*Considering* that various persons from the community of St. Eustatius in and outside the medical field has done extensive research on the various methods of dialysis and presented their findings to government over the years.

*Considering* that the dialysis patients were flown to St. Maarten three times a week pre the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Which proves to have physical, emotional, and mental strain on said patients. Whereby some patients chose the option to remain in St. Maarten while some sadly chose the option of stopping the treatment.

*Considering* that the dialysis patients are now in Curacao receiving treatment and have been there for several months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Being away from home is causing emotional and mental strain on said patients.

*Considering* most of the patients are of elderly age and being away from home and the constant travelling is having a toll on their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Resolves,

1. To instruct the Executive Council to continue the research of the various dialysis treatment option.
2. To work with professionals in the medical field to determine the most feasible option for St. Eustatius.
3. To Realize a dialysis center on St. Eustatius by the end of the First Quarter of 2021.

And proceeds to the order of the day,

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Frini Spanner, DP

Nicolaas Sneek, Independent

*Deze motie is aangenomen met drie stemmen vóór: PLP fractie.*

*De motie is aangenomen op 13 januari 2021*