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Health & Human Services Committee Minutes

May 14th, 2024

Marilyn Peña, Committee Chairperson

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Healthcare services and outreach in the Bronx.

Committee Chairperson Marilyn Pena leads meeting, introduces attendees, and presents new business.

Melissa Carreno, Site Director from Urban Health Plan discusses Urban Health Plan's services, including primary care, pediatrics, women's health, mental health, and health insurance enrollment.

Melissa Carreno provides a map of Urban Health Plan's clinical sites and schools in the Bronx, Queens, and Harlem.

Melissa Carreno discusses the library they built for pediatric patients, partnering with Mott Haven library to provide library cards.

Melissa Carreno explains their outreach efforts, including meeting with other organizations in the Bronx and participating in meetings with Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto

Healthcare access and prevention in the Bronx.

District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of prevention in healthcare, particularly for black and brown communities.

Mott Haven Community Health Center is working to address social determinants of health, such as poor diets and nutrition, to improve overall health outcomes.

Case manager assesses patient needs, connects to resources for preventive care.

Healthcare access and services for underserved communities.

Melissa Carreno discusses the importance of access to healthy food, particularly in underserved communities.

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Committee Chairperson Marilyn Pena highlights the need for increased government assistance to address the rising cost of healthier food options.

District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of holistic health and prevention, rather than relying solely on medication.

Urban Health Plan is exploring the addition of new specialty services, such as cardiology and endocrinology, to better serve their patients.

Housing issues in the district, including a shortage of affordable units and a backlog of applications for Housing Connect.

District Manager Anthony Jordan highlights committee's role in leading initiatives, seeks more candidates for Vice Chair.

Committee Chairperson Marilyn Pena and District Manager Anthony Jordan discuss housing shortage and glitches in Housing Connect system.

Affordable housing lottery system in NYC.

Lottery system for affordable housing applications is imperfect and subject to errors.

District Manager Anthony Jordan: Explains frustration with NYCHA's waiting list system

Committee Chairperson Marilyn Pena: Clients express frustration with lack of communication and transparency

District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions plans for a health fair in July, with community collaboration and education on healthcare.

Committee Chairperson Marilyn Pena provides updates on Urban Health Plan's 50th anniversary celebration, including a health fair on July 27th.

Action Items

-Schedule a meeting this week to discuss bringing additional specialty medical services like cardiology to Mott Haven Community Health Center.

-Contact HPD to request a representative attend the June community board meeting to address ongoing issues with the housing application process.

-Distribute information for the July 27th health fair being organized by Urban Health Plan to promote it to the community. Details will be finalized and shared via email.