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Health & Human Services Committee Minutes

April 22nd, 2025

Marilyn Peña, Committee Chairperson

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Introductions of Committee Members

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena introduces herself and passes the floor to other members.
- Member Marcelo Villagran introduces himself as a Community Board 1 public member.
- Diana Leonard introduces herself as a Bronx Community Board 1 Community Associate.
- Member Christine Lacata introduces herself as a Community Board member.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces himself as the district manager and mentions the meeting will be broadcast live.

Health Symposium and Community Health Disparities

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena discusses the health symposium and the need for a series of sessions due to health disparities in the South Bronx.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan highlights the negative health disparities in the South Bronx and the community board's efforts to address them.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of empowering public health institutions and dispelling myths about health disparities.
- The symposium aims to provide education and conversations with practitioners and specialists to help people make informed health decisions.

Details of the Health Symposium and Health Fair

- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the symposium will cover various health issues, including geriatric, pediatric, and mental health.
- The symposium aims to provide proactive solutions and policy changes to address health disparities.

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions the Health Fair expected in August and the four-series health symposium.
- The symposium will also focus on educating the community about the services offered by Lincoln Hospital.

Introduction of Bill 0641-2024

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena introduces Bill 0641-2024, which requires certain nutrition standards for children's menus in restaurants.
- Lorenzo Rios supports the bill, emphasizing the impact of unhealthy food environments on children.
- The bill aims to ensure healthy meal options for children and reduce the risk of diet-related diseases.
- Lorenzo Rios highlights the importance of the bill for families experiencing food insecurity.

Discussion on the Bill and Its Impact

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena and other members discuss the importance of the bill and the need for healthy food options for children.
- Lorenzo Rios mentions the bill's focus on food insecurity and the need for healthy meal options.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the impact of fast food on the community and the need for more nutritious food options.
- The bill aims to hold restaurants accountable for providing healthy meal options for children.

Concerns and Suggestions for the Bill

- Committee members and the public express concerns about the bill's impact on fast food chains and the need for more nutritious food options.
- Lorenzo Rios mentions the bill's focus on food insecurity and the need for more healthy meal options.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the need for more nutritious food options and the impact of fast food on the community.
- The bill aims to provide more healthy meal options for children and reduce the risk of diet-related diseases.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena thanks Lorenzo Rios for his presentation and opens the floor for any final questions.
- Herman Francis Jr. and other members discuss the importance of educating the community about healthy food options.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, and members express their support for the bill and the health symposium.

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena thanks everyone for their participation and adjourns the meeting.

Action Items

- Obtain more information on the status and details of Intro 0641-2024 from the legislative director of Council District 12.
- Explore opportunities for the presenter on Intro 0641-2024 to get involved with the planned health symposium.
- Follow up with the community board office on how to get involved in the health symposium and fair initiatives.