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Health & Human Services Committee Minutes

May 20th, 2026

Marilyn Pena, Committee Chairperson

Health Fair Planning and Initial Updates

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena introduces himself as the committee chair for Health, Human, and LGBTQIA Plus Services and opens the floor for introductions.
- Vice Chair Jacqueline De Jesus introduces herself as the vice chair of the same committee.
- Jose Quintana introduces himself as the Program Coordinator for the Bureau of Bronx Neighborhood Health.
- Steven Palmers introduces himself as the Community Coordinator for Bronx CB One and mentions the live broadcast of the meeting on YouTube.

Health Fair Check-In and Permits

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena discusses the focus on old business, specifically the health fair check-in, and thanks the council member Elsie's office for securing the permits.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena clarifies that other people are trying to secure permits for the same day but are not affiliated with their event.
- Vernon mentions the need for more sponsors and people to table, noting the fiscal year-end as a potential delay.
- Vernon is working on securing a DJ and food vendors for the event, similar to a job fair but outside.

DJ and Food Vendor Arrangements

- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers offers to connect Marilyn Pena with city vendor DJs he knows from the borough president's office.

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions a community member's husband who is willing to DJ for free as a backup option.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers suggests having a conversation with the backup DJs to confirm their availability.
- Jose Quintana mentions a DJ from an event at their clinic and another DJ from a fall festival, offering to provide information.

Event Activities and Participation

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena updates the name of the event to "Healthy Families Fair" and mentions changes to the flyer.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena discusses various activities planned for the event, including yoga, pilates, and a book exchange for youth.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers inquires about the number of confirmed participants and their interest in tabling.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions the need to secure Planned Parenthood's mobile unit and the structure of the event space.

Logistics and Follow-Up

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena and Community Coordinator Steven Palmers discuss the logistics of street closures and MTA rerouting for the event.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions the addition of a bike lane and the need to confirm the layout of the event space.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena plans to send a list of confirmed participants and those still pending by Monday.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers suggests creating an Excel sheet to track the authentication of participants and their responses.

Sponsorship and Additional Activities

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions the need for sponsors to provide tables and chairs, as some participants may bring their own.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers offers to bring a tent from CB One if needed.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena emphasizes the importance of providing meals for participants who bring their own tents and chairs.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers suggests reaching out to an insurance company, Wendy, for sponsorship of tents and tables.

World Cup Activities and Soccer Field

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena expresses interest in organizing activities around the World Cup, including a women's defense force and soccer activities.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers suggests reaching out to David Cullovali from the borough president's office for soccer-related activities.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena mentions the need to restructure the table layout to accommodate soccer activities.

Final Updates and Meeting Adjournment

- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena discusses the challenges of securing responses from various task forces and organizations for the health fair.
- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers offers to forward contact information for Connie Pacheco from the LGBTQIA meeting.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena emphasizes the importance of including programs and resources for the LGBTQIA community.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena notes the lack of quorum and adjourns the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Action Items

- Steven Palmers - Compile and share a short list of DJ vendor contacts and pricing (act as primary contact for DJ sourcing and provide backup options)
- Steven Palmers - Forward contact information for Recoveries R Us (Connie Pacheco) and other LGBTQIA+/recovery contacts to support inclusions for the fair
- Provide DJ contacts used at past events and share that DJ shortlist information with the planning team
- Reach out to the planning committee contact who provided the inflatable soccer goal at previous events and share that vendor's info and cost estimate with the Health Fair team
- Send the list of confirmed/interested vendors and partners for the Health Fair to CB1 office staff (provide the list by Monday as discussed)
- Contact and confirm clinics and organizations (including Planned Parenthood and mobile-unit providers) about tabling and mobile unit participation; continue weekly follow-ups and aim to finalize confirmations by June
- Reach out to Aetna (insurance contact) to schedule the missed phone conference and follow up on potential sponsorship for tents/tables or catering
- Add event outreach status (who was contacted, responses, table needs) into the shared Excel sheet Amanda created so the team can track confirmations

- Ask Amanda (office) to provide or share tables/chairs/tent resources for partners who cannot bring their own, and coordinate resource sharing logistics
- Create and launch dedicated Instagram page (and use WhatsApp) for event updates and community outreach for the Healthy Families Fair
- Secure food/meals for vendors and partners (identify food vendor options and confirm catering plan for the event)