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### Health and Human Services

Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 P.M.

- Present:** D. Hunt, J. Thomas, J. Mondello, M. Bufano, J. Grell
- Absent:** T. Franklin, T. Smith, R. Barbarelli (joined remotely), N. Rosario (joined remotely), S. McMillan
- Guests:** S. Leyro, J. Moses, R. Bieder

Dr. Shirley Leyro, of the Bronx Health Link, presented the Birth Justice Defenders program. The Bronx remains 62nd in health outcomes. In maternal health and maternal morbidity, the Bronx has highest rates where black and brown New Yorkers are 10 times more likely to die from child related birth causes than white women. The program provided doulas who have expertise in birthing and the process of pregnancy and during birth. The program currently exists out of Lincoln Hospital. There are often community baby showers involving so many governmental and medical institutions to provide for those in need. There will be a movie night at Hostos Community College to showcase the issue and educate Bronx residents. There will be an initiative to have a milk bank in the community to help parents. Dr. Leyro then took questions from members. The presentation will be held in the board office.

Dr. Jill Moses presented the Inspired Community Project. The organization is opening a physical location in Pelham Bay in Spring 2024. Dr. Moses is an early intervention and behavior specialist for children. It is no cost early intervention services layered with family advocacy program. The program focuses on workforce development, family advocacy coaching and direct instruction learning. The Bronx lags in early intervention detection. The program is partnering with CUNY to earn college credits. The program will service roughly 160 students per day within 8 classrooms.

J. Thomas requests a speaker regarding pain management.

The meeting closed at roughly 8 p.m.