

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## HEALTH & HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MINUTES Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30PM

- I. Introductions
- II. Updated committee on August meeting with Dr. Jane Bedell where she shared the priorities of the NYC Department of Health to be: Tobacco control, campaigns against obesity and a focus of teen pregnancy prevention particularly within the middle schools.
- III. In discussing the initial idea of organizing three health fairs with the support of the three council members covering our community board district we decided that possibly organizing one health fair a year would be more feasible and coordinating other smaller scale events. A smaller scale event considered was a blood drive in conjunction with the NY Blood Center. As far as reaching out to the local elected, Council Member Cabrera's representative said their office would be willing to help and mentioned the possibility of sending out mailers to the community announcing the events. Council Member Joel River already has several health events within the district that our community can benefit from. I have to reach out to Council Member Koppell's office to assess their willingness to help in this area.
- IV. In discussing committee goals for this year we looked into using national health observances about pressing health issues within our community in order to collaborate with other organizations already addressing those issues within our community, one area mentioned was domestic violence and the possibility of reaching out to Assembly Member Naomi Rivera who already puts her efforts towards domestic violence awareness.
- V. Also discussed was the need to have CB7 reps at the Montefiore Community Advisory Board and the North Central Community Advisory Board. For the meantime I will make it an effort to attend these meetings unless another committee member can be available as well. In addition, I will reach out to the Health and Hospitals Corporation in order to learn what some of their priorities are and/or issues they are focusing on within our community and how the community board can be of help.
- VI. Adjournment