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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Kristine Rivera, Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson
Thursday, May 14, 2026

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting: Fousani Hamidou, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham, Kristine Rivera, Hoshi Salcedo, and Lisa Sanchez.

The Health and Human Services Committee discussed the following:

- **Discussion on the Mt. Carmel Neighborhood Senior Center**

The Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee tabled the discussion for June.

- **Presentation on Essen Health's Proposed Drug Treatment Center at 593 East Tremont Avenue, 502 East Tremont Avenue, and 490 East Tremont Avenue (New OASAS Application)**

The Medical Director for Essen Health's Drug Treatment Center, Dr. Mark Sinclair, shared information about the services and changes at the site. Essen Health expanded its substance use treatment location at 593 East Tremont Avenue by remodeling the space previously used for a dental practice. Dr. Sinclair emphasized that this is not a methadone program. Instead, it focuses on counseling and non-methadone medications, such as monthly injections (e.g., Vivitrol), to provide a more stable alternative for patients. Board members expressed significant concerns regarding safety and loitering around the center, specifically noting its proximity to schools and parks. Dr. Sinclair offered to work with the Board on outreach and education on the center's services, and invited the committee to tour the facility and draft recommendations on improving its presence in the area. The committee also invited Dr. Sinclair to table at the 5K run/walk event on May 30th.

- **Planning of the Bronx Community Board 6's Senior Luncheon Event**

There is currently no money in the budget for these increased senior events. The chair proposed listing forecasted projects to seek support from elected officials for funding. The committee also discussed supporting the District Manager in advocating at City Hall for an increase in the standard \$250,000 annual budget allocated to community boards.

- **Discussion on 5K Run/Walk for Diabetes Awareness for Saturday, May 30**

The Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee requested a Spanish version of the event flyer and informed the committee that outreach has commenced for the event.

