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## **BRONX CBOS TRANSFORMING HEALTH - A GROUNDBREAKING CONFERENCE**

### **PUTTING COMMUNITY AT THE CENTER – Friday, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

On Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Bronx Hub of Communities Together for Health Equity (CTHE) will present “Putting Community at the Center of Transforming our Bronx Health,” a groundbreaking conference to be held at the D Building, Hostos Community College from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Led by Health People, with co-lead Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy, the conference highlights the growing movement of Bronx community-based organizations to transform health through collective action and community-oriented services. The conference is free but pre-registration is required at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/putting-community-at-the-center-of-transforming-our-bronx-health-tickets-42135400116>.

A public housing resident with diabetes who herself lost 100 pounds and now teaches other Bronx diabetics effective self-care.... a Cambodian refugee who helps Bronx refugees overcome the trauma of their losses, and a tenant leader who links Bronx asthmatics to services to rid their homes of major asthma triggers like mold and rodents... are a few of the community residents who will tell about their experiences and successes through this community approach to health.

The Conference also features a dialogue, moderated by State Senator Gustavo Rivera, between hospital leaders, managed care organizations and the audience exploring how to truly transform the Bronx’s health by building key services like these that enable communities to build their own health.

Special Guests include Michael Melendez, the Associate Regional Administrator of the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services and Peggy Chan, MPH, Program Director of the New York State Department of Health DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Program.)

In interactive afternoon sessions, conference participants will contribute to making a health transformation strategic plan for the Bronx.

Join us as we learn, explore and go forward to health transformation that works for the communities because community residents are at the forefront.

Hostos Community College’s D Building is at 120 East 149 Street and Walton Avenue, easily reached by the 2, 3, and 5 trains to Grand Concourse and East 149<sup>th</sup> Street.

Communities Together for Health Equity is a citywide coalition of community-based agencies working collectively to empower communities to transform health.

Health People, founded in 1990, is the Bronx's largest health education and disease prevention organization whose programs are entirely facilitated by local peer educators. In addition to Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy, "Putting Community at the Center of Transforming our Bronx Health" is presented in collaboration with a.i.r. nyc, Arthur Ashe Institute, The Bronx Health Link, The Bronx Health & Housing Consortium, Commonwise Education, Inc., Commission on the Public's Health System, Every Day is a Miracle, Fierce NYC, The HOPE Program/SSBX, Jahajee Sisters Empowering Indo-Caribbean Women, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center, Mekong NYC, National Working Positive Coalition, and Picture the Homeless.