

# Healthy & Well in Hyde Park

A Grassroots Movement for Health Access, Equity &  
Community Power



## 2025 in Review

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## Highlights

What an incredible year for health equity in Hyde Park! In March 2024, our Health and Wellness Summit brought together voices that matter—residents, healthcare leaders, and policymakers—to confront the reality of Boston's medical deserts. We were honored to hear from Michael A. Curry, ESQ; Dr. Chris Lathan; and Dr. Mike Lowney, alongside an extraordinary coalition of partners.

But we didn't stop at conversation. We turned curiosity into action! Our informal Community Assessment Survey sparked critical dialogue about healthcare access in Hyde Park. Then, partnering with the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Community Health Collaborative, Forum for Racial Equity, and Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, we turbocharged participation in the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment—achieving a 200% increase in responses! By providing surveys in multiple languages including Spanish and Haitian Creole, we ensured every voice could be heard.

This data will shape resource allocation across Boston, and we're just getting started.

# WHAT WE'RE DOING



## Building Hyde Park's First Neighborhood Health & Wellness Center

**Healthy & Well in Hyde Park (HWH)** is a resident-led coalition working to bring equitable, accessible healthcare to the Neponset Valley. For too long, Hyde Park has been one of Boston's most underserved neighborhoods when it comes to primary care, maternal wellness, mental health supports, and elder care.

We're organizing. We're advocating. We're educating.  
And we're building the future with community at the center.

### Background

- Hyde Park residents identified major gaps in primary care access, preventive services, language equity, and culturally relevant health resources.
- Neighboring communities benefit from local health centers — Hyde Park deserves the same.
- Our collective effort was born from listening sessions, community forums, and years of organizing for health equity.

### Objectives

- Establish Hyde Park's first Health & Wellness Center
- Provide access to primary, preventive, maternal, mental, and elder care
- Advance anti-racist, justice-centered health practices
- Build partnerships that bring existing health resources into our neighborhood
- Mobilize community voice, leadership, and data to drive policy and investment



# STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**President:** Marcia Kimm Jackson

**Vice President:** Ellen Scalese

**Secretaries:** Shirma Pierre & Lokia Rutherford

**Treasurer:** Dr. Atyia Martin

**Fiscal Agent:** NextLeds.org

**Record Keeping:** BLU App

## Task Forces & Members

### Internal Operations & Governance (IOG)

Marcia Kimm Jackson, Shirma Pierre, Ellen Scalese, Lokia Rutherford, Dr. Atyia Martin

### Community Engagement, Political Organizing & Marketing (CPOM)

Bill Henning; Ren Pillinger; Karen Kirchoff, Alecia Sands, Lynette Matthews.

### Fundraising (FR)

Pamela Lomax, Celeste Peter

### Research, Education & Policy (REP)

Shannon Niles, Ashley Sharpe Porter, Alecia McGregor, Shekora Saint and Nicole Christian-Braithwaite

## OUR PARTNERS & ALLIES

Healthy & Well in Hyde Park proudly collaborates with:

- Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)
- Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
- Lowney Medical
- City of Boston Officials
- City Council Members: Enrique Pepen, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia and John Fitzgerald
- Senator Liz Miranda
- Representative Rob Consalvo
- Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley

These partnerships help us access data, resources, mobile services, and pathways for funding.



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## Our Year in Numbers

**200%**

Increase in community members who responded to the health needs assessment survey

**154**

people attending our first Health and Wellness Summit sharing personal stories and receiving resources. Attendance was limited due to venue size.

**30**

Residents at the City Council Hearing on The Health Center

**18**

Healthy and Well Collaborative members and 4 partners stewarding the vision of increased access to health care in Hyde Park

**4**

Maternal health sessions hosted to increase community health information and story sharing

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## Boston Globe Article

In December of 2024, we were featured in the Boston Globe in an article describing health inequities in Hyde Park and our efforts to establish a health center. Find the full article here:

[https://www.bostonglobe.com/2024/12/03/metro/boston-hyde-park-healthcare-community-health-center/?p1=BGSearch Advanced Results](https://www.bostonglobe.com/2024/12/03/metro/boston-hyde-park-healthcare-community-health-center/?p1=BGSearch%20Advanced%20Results)



## Community Health Needs Assessment Collaboration Study

**Hyde Park, you know what your community needs to thrive. We want to hear it.**

The Boston Community Health Needs Assessment Survey informs our public health planning. It also guides our work of making Boston a healthier city for all. The survey is confidential, takes 7-10 minutes, and is open to Boston residents age 14 and up.

When you finish the survey, you can enter a raffle to win local grocery gift cards and other family-friendly prizes.



Shared by The Hyde Park Health and Wellness Center Steering Committee



In late 2024 and early 2025, we were curious and created an informal Community Assessment Survey to gather data from Hyde Park residents about their thoughts about being in a health care desert. The result was a "roving camera" video.

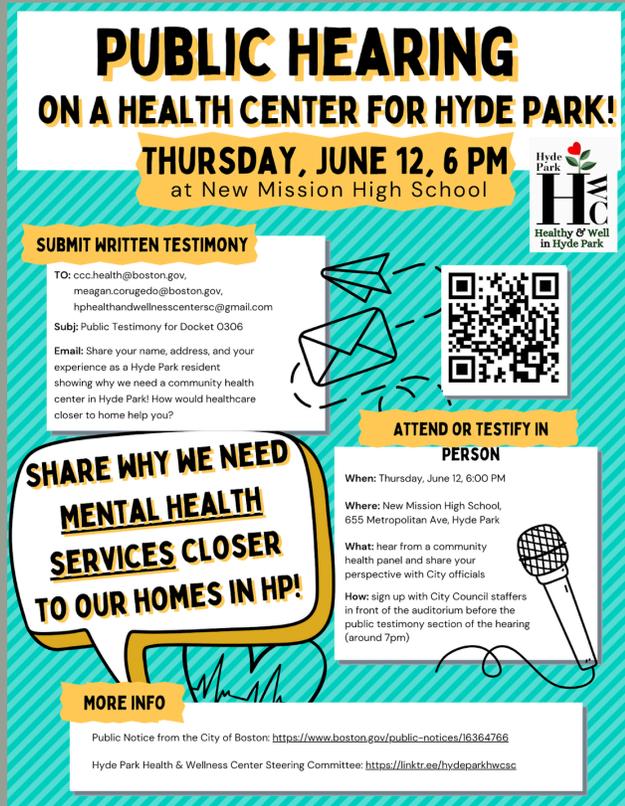
In 2025, we partnered with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), the Boston Community Health Collaborative, The Forum For Racial Equity, and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers to increase participation in the bi-annual and highly impactful Community Health Needs Assessment, whose results help determine resource allocation in the City. This survey was provided in multiple different languages, including Spanish, Portuguese Haitian Creole and Vietnamese. This partnership with the BPHC and HWHPC was responsible for getting a 200% increase in response to the assessment. Here is the result:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2025/06/2025%20Boston%20CHNA%20Final%20Report.pdf>

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## Boston City Council Hearing on Hyde Parks Health Care access

In June, under the leadership of Councilor Enrique Pepen, we hosted a public hearing on a health center for Hyde Park, focused on topics of Mental Health, Maternal Care, and Healthcare for Seniors. Community members were able to submit written testimonies or testify in person with stories of how the lack of a health center has affected them and their families. 30 people were able to attend, in addition to the Colaborative and City of Boston Employees.



**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ON A HEALTH CENTER FOR HYDE PARK!**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 6 PM**  
at New Mission High School

**SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

TO: ccc.health@boston.gov  
meagan.corugedo@boston.gov  
hp.healthandwellnesscentersc@gmail.com  
Subj: Public Testimony for Docket 0306

Email: Share your name, address, and your experience as a Hyde Park resident showing why we need a community health center in Hyde Park! How would healthcare closer to home help you?

**ATTEND OR TESTIFY IN PERSON**

When: Thursday, June 12, 6:00 PM

Where: New Mission High School, 655 Metropolitan Ave, Hyde Park

What: Hear from a community health panel and share your perspective with City officials

How: Sign up with City Council staffers in front of the auditorium before the public testimony section of the hearing (around 7pm)

**SHARE WHY WE NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLOSER TO OUR HOMES IN HP!**

**MORE INFO**

Public Notice from the City of Boston: <https://www.boston.gov/public-notices/16364766>  
Hyde Park Health & Wellness Center Steering Committee: <https://linktr.ee/hydeparkhwccsc>



**INTERGENERATIONAL NARRATIVES OF BIRTH AND BIRTHING--**  
**A BIRTH & MATERNAL WELLNESS SERIES FOR: NEW PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, MOTHERS, FATHERS, OR EXPECTANT PARENTS.**

Join us for our Maternal Health Series to share in community your journey to parenthood. Address the challenges and barriers to accessing maternal healthcare services. Participants can share their experiences with healthcare systems, including disparities based on race, socioeconomic status, and geographic location, as well as potential solutions.

Storytelling. Visioning. Action.

**4 Sessions**  
**Two brief ZOOM Sessions & Two IN-PERSON Sessions in Hyde Park**  
**May 17, 2025 & May 31, 2025**  
**9 AM-12 PM**

**JOIN US FOR ALL SESSIONS AND RECEIVE:**

- ✓ \$75 Gift Card
- ✓ Community Care and Healing
- ✓ Wellness and Birthing Support

**REGISTER HERE BY MAY 10th**  
Call 657-728-4898 for more info

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THE EMA PROJECT

## Maternal Health Sessions

One of the groups in our community most impacted by the lack of a health center is pregnant women and parents/grandparents. We hosted two online and two in person informational and storytelling sessions in May to highlight the impact of not having access to vital health services on maternal wellness. We partnered with Vitalcnxs who awarded us a grant and provided technical assistance to hold these sessions.

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## The Health and Wellness Summit

**THE HYDE PARK HEALTH & WELLNESS SUMMIT**  
JOIN US IN CONVERSATION WITH THESE INSPIRING SPEAKERS

MICHEAL A. CURRY, ESQ. DR. CHRIS LATHAN, MD DR. MIKE LOWNEY, MD SENATOR LIZ MIRANDA  
ALECIA MCGREGOR, PH.D. DR. ATYIA MARTIN MARY ELLEN MCINTYRE JORDINA SPARKS  
DIVINA MASSO REP. ROB CONSALVO DR. ROBERT GOLDSTEIN PRIYA SARIN GUPTA, MD, MPH

**THEME**  
Equitable Healthcare at a Crossroads:  
Addressing Boston's Medical Deserts -  
Starting in Hyde Park.

Sat. March 22, 2025  
9 am - 2 pm  
The Pryde, Hyde Park

<https://linktr.ee/hydeparkhwcsc>

REGISTER NOW!

Organized by the Hyde Park Health and Wellness Steering Committee in partnership with The Pryde, The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, The Boston Public Health Commission, The Office of Representative Rob Consalvo

In March, with the sponsorship of The Harvard T Chan School of Public Health, we hosted a Health and Wellness Summit to discuss equitable healthcare in Boston's Medical Deserts. We had a number of keynote speakers, including Michael A. Curry, ESQ; Dr. Chris Lathan, Dr. Atyia Martin, Dr. Alecia McGregor, Dr. Pryia Gupta, Jordina Sparks, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Dr. Mike Lowney, People gathered to share stories, conversation, and ideas.

### Institutions engaged:

The Boston Public Health Commission, The Boston City Council, Next Leads, Leadership Development, The Harvard T. Chan school of Public Health, Fenway Community Health Center, Lowney Medical Associates, Dana Farber Cancer Center, Massachusetts Brigham Health Care, The Massachusetts League of Community Health Center, The offices of Rep Rob Consalvo, Councilor Enrique Pepen, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, MGH Institute of Health, Walgreens, The Hyde Park Pryde LGBTQ Senior Housing, Together Hyde Park, Las Delicias Colombianas, United Health Care





# Photo Gallery



# Looking into 2026

Looking Ahead to 2026-

We would like to:

- **Share & Strategize:** Present CHNA results and their specific implications to all audiences for awareness and to facilitate a positive response to Hyde Park healthcare access
- **Boost Community Engagement:** Host listening sessions to gather resident input on responding to the data and developing actionable solutions - during the Maternal health sessions, attending community meetings, and hosting the annual Summit and Health Fair.
- **Secure Interim Support:** Partner with educational and healthcare institutions and stakeholders to provide immediate health resources and services to Hyde Park residents
- **Facilitate Revolutionary Conversations:** Host our annual summit exploring 250 years of American healthcare—examining progress, acknowledging failures, and envisioning Hyde Park's healthcare future
- **Expand Our Movement:** Grow the Healthy Well team and cultivate new partnerships to amplify our collective impact

Together, we're building a healthier, more equitable Hyde Park. Thank you for being part of this journey!



**Hyde Park deserves accessible, equitable, high-quality care — right here at home.**

**We are building it together.**

**Your voice. Your story. Your leadership.**

**This is the path to a healthier Hyde Park.**

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