



**FY 2026 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING - BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**

**NYC Health + Hospitals | Lincoln**  
234 Eugenio Maria de Hostos (149th Street)  
Main Floor Auditorium  
Bronx, New York 10451

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 • 6 PM**

**FORMAT – IN-PERSON**



**Call to Order - 6 PM**

**VANESSA RODRIGUEZ**  
Board Member and The Bronx City  
Council Representative

■ **Opening Remarks**

**DR. THEODORE LONG**  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Medical Officer,  
Clinical Services and Population Health

■ **Report on the  
Health System**

**ANDREA COHEN, ESQ**  
Moderator  
Senior Vice President & General Counsel

■ **Invitation to the  
Public to Participate in  
Accordance with Rules**

## **SPEAKERS' ADVISORY**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH + HOSPITALS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING IN THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.**

**THIS IS THE THIRD MEETING IN A SERIES OF FIVE MEETINGS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY IN EACH OF THE CITY'S BOROUGHES. THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS IS TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PLANS / PROGRAMS AND TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ORAL/WRITTEN TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE SYSTEM'S SERVICE DELIVERY. PUBLIC TESTIMONY [ORAL/WRITTEN] WILL BE TRANSCRIBED AND FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.**

**THE PANEL, CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IS HERE TO *LISTEN* TO THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC.**



**REGISTERED SPEAKERS ARE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES SPEAKING TIME -- THE ELECTRONIC TIMER WILL SIGNAL WHEN TIME HAS EXPIRED.**

**TRANSFER OF TIME FROM ONE SPEAKER TO ANOTHER IS PROHIBITED.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS**



**NYC Health + Hospitals  
Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Public Meeting - Bronx  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
Report by Dr. Mitchell Katz, President and CEO**

Good evening, I'm Dr. Mitch Katz, and I'm a practicing primary care doctor and the President and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals. I am proud and honored to lead this institution for the ninth year. I am also lucky to work with thousands of dedicated nurses, doctors, social workers, and employees who ensure that New Yorkers received the high-quality care they deserve. Some of those folks are in the room today. I'm also proud to serve the new administration under Mayor Mamdani.

I want to thank Lincoln Hospital for hosting us today in their brand-new auditorium, our Board Members who are here, the staff who organized this meeting, and the team here tonight who will ensure that your words are captured for all our leadership to hear.

Thank you to the audience members speaking this evening. Your presence here demonstrates how much you care about New York City's public health care system, the quality of health care in your neighborhood, and the community both inside and outside of our facilities. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing what you have to say.

At NYC Health + Hospitals, our goal is care for New York City without exception. And we strive to do that every day.

Before we begin tonight's meeting, I do want to highlight some of our achievements from this past year.

- Our beloved Elmhurst Hospital CEO Helen Arteaga Landaverde was tapped by Mayor Mamdani to be his Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services. We are excited for Helen and wish her all the best in this new role.

- NYC Health + Hospitals continues to play an important role not just in our facilities delivering high quality care, but also through the two major snowstorms we experienced this past winter. In addition to participating in the City's Warming Center initiative through our 11 hospitals, we activated WARM -- Winter Access, Relief and Medical -- ambulettes and mobile units. The units provide clinical consultations, as well as distribute essential supplies including blankets, warm clothing, socks, warm meals, and water to unsheltered New Yorkers. The units will also assist individuals to a warm place of their choosing, like a shelter or warming center.
- We have the most patients in primary care than ever before in the recorded history of our System. In fiscal year 2025, there were 459,000 patients in primary care, surpassing the last high in 2015 when we had 453,000.
- We were recognized by U.S. News & World Report for having the best hospitals and long-term care facilities. The publication also highlighted five of our hospitals as "High Performing for Uncomplicated Pregnancies" for 2025-2026.
- For the first time, 70% of patients in primary care have their type 2 diabetes under control, measured by an A1C below 8.0%. In 2024, we screened nearly 60,000 patients for colorectal cancer using an at-home FIT test – a 12% increase over 2023.
- Innovation and expansion remain a priority. We became the first health care System in New York to offer a VNOTES hysterectomy, a minimally invasive technique that provides a range of patient benefits.
- Our nurses earned several awards and recognitions, including the Pathway to Excellence with Distinction. Our nurse professional development initiatives also contributed to a nurse turnover rate of just 7.3% in 2025, well below the national average of 16.4%.
- This year, our Housing for Health program housed hundreds of people; our medical respite program served more than 300 individuals; and we opened additional housing on the NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull campus, adding 93 new units. Our Bridge to Home program – an innovative support model for patients with severe mental illness who are ready for discharge but lack stable housing – is now fully utilized.

- In behavioral health we continue to expand supports for both patients and staff, from our new Critical Time Intervention program to our Social Work Licensure Training program. These initiatives address critical needs.
- Finally, after more than three years of round-the-clock operations providing housing and services to asylum seekers, we closed our arrival center and all of our humanitarian centers last year. We helped 140,000+ people at our humanitarian centers and 155k+ people through the arrival center.

### **BRONX NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS**

I would be remiss if I didn't specifically highlight our Bronx facilities accomplishments. NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi | North Central Bronx, Lincoln, and Gotham Health sites have contributed to our extraordinary year, too.

#### **Our host, NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln, had a great year:**

- The hospital secured Top 76 Nationwide Ranking for Surgical Safety from the American College of Surgeons (ACS NSQIP) for outstanding surgical outcomes.
- It earned multi-specialty national recognition as a "High Performing" Best Hospital for Maternity Care by U.S. News & World Report, a Top 100 Hospital for Prostate Surgery by Healthgrades, and a Center of Excellence for Lung Cancer Screening by GO2.
- Lincoln expanded critical behavioral health access by launching a Community Psychiatry Residency Program and re-opening crucial inpatient Behavioral Health beds.
- The hospital aggressively recruited over 100 permanent nurses, slashing its reliance on expensive temporary staffing.
- It served more patients by increasing its operating room volume and ambulatory care visits, alongside launching a new observation unit to decompress the Emergency Department.

**NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, North Central Bronx had a good year too.**

- Jacobi Hospital was one of four NYC Health + Hospitals to receive the first batch of Baby Boxes to distribute to new families. New parents love the boxes.
- The hospitals' OB/GYN Department is enhancing maternal mental health care and now offers shared mother/baby appointments to make it easier for mothers with newborns to access postpartum care.
- The State Assembly awarded NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi's Stand Up to Violence (SUV) program funds to strengthen gun violence interruption, prevention, and community engagement services in the Bronx. Over the last nine years, the Bronx community served by SUV has experienced a 58% decline in gunshot wound incidence.
- With funding from the Borough President, NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi | North Central Bronx installed an upgraded MRI Suite at the North Central Bronx campus.
- NCB garnered triple gold recognition for chronic disease care by the American Heart Association and American Medical Association for strong performance in blood pressure control, cholesterol management, and type 2 diabetes care.
- Jacobi is among three acute care facilities that received a Level 2 Special Pathogen Treatment and Network Development Award for high consequence infectious diseases.

**And finally, our NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health sites have achieved much this year, too.**

Gotham Health spearheaded the implementation of a pharmacy home delivery program to expand patient access, improve medication adherence, and enhance care delivery.

And sites integrated a speech-language pathologist to improve access to early intervention and specialized pediatric care

NYC Health + Hospitals is dedicated to our community, and we could not do it without all of you. Thank you for being here tonight and for your support of our essential public health care System.

Now let's proceed to the main purpose of tonight's meeting - to hear from you, members of our community. Your input is so important to the future success of NYC Health + Hospitals.

I will now turn to our General Counsel to outline the proceedings for tonight's meeting.