

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Held on
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom Conference Call

Present:

Omar Murray
Lisa Daub
Steve Froot
Robert Kaplan
Karen Pesce

Affiliation

Chair – Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8- Committee Member
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Absent:

Julia Gomez

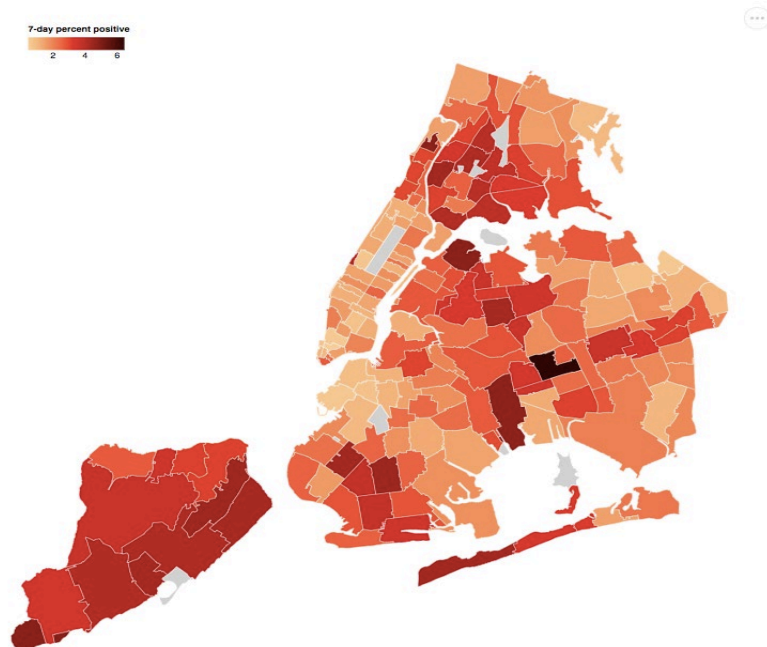
CB8- Committee Member

Guest (s):

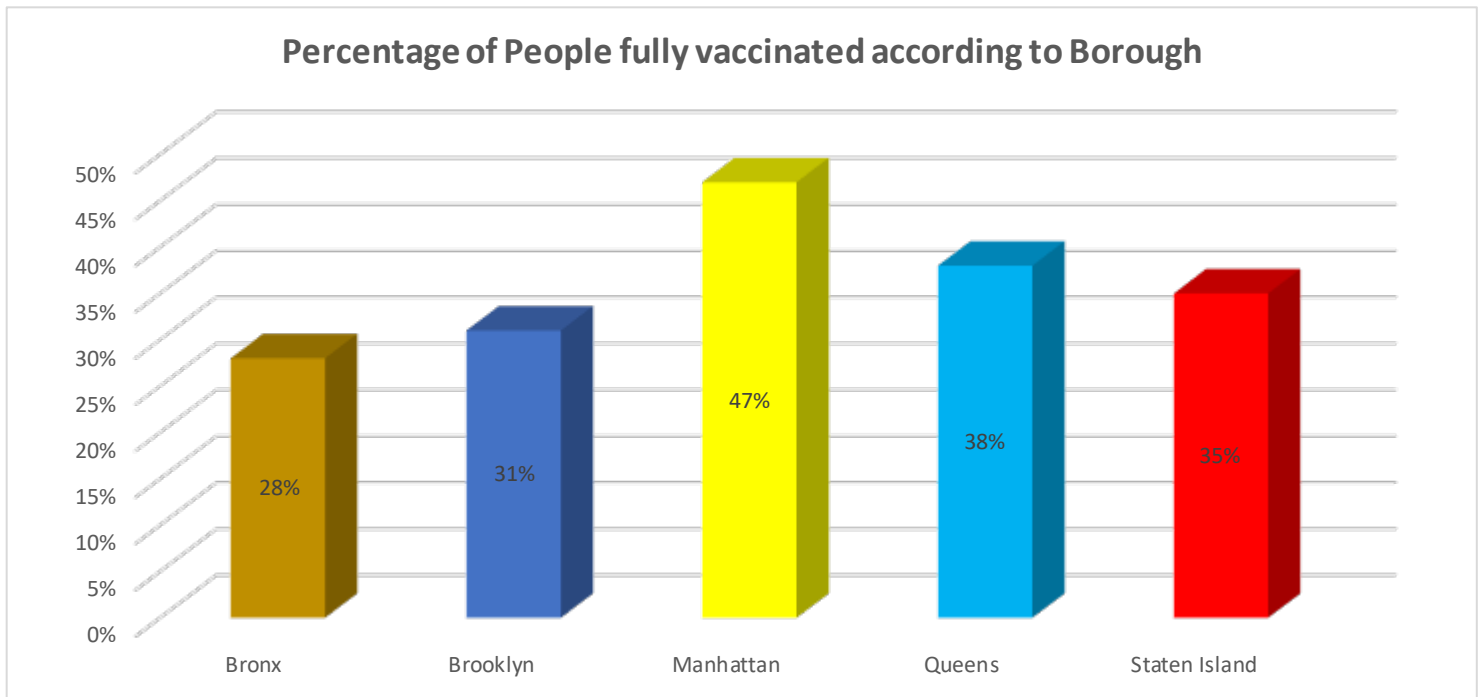
Dr. Jane Bedell
Shajada Brown
David Gellman
Miryam Rabner
Anna Shats

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Community Resident
Chair, CB8-Budget Committee
Community Resident
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The Committee meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm. The Chair opens with welcoming all to the April 2021 HHSS meeting. Currently the covid-19 infection rate is decreasing the US and a significant number of residents has been vaccinated with NYC. Currently the FDA has paused the Johnson/Johnson Covid-19 vaccines due to six cases of blood clots. The Chair introduces Dr. Jane Bedell, DOHMH Assistant Commissioner and Medical doctor. Dr Bedell begins with a presentation with map of NYC illustrating that the dark red areas show an increase in covid-19 cases in some cases those affected will only experience mild symptoms and are advised to stay home and stay 6 feet apart of experiencing symptoms.



Dr. Bedell highlights that to decrease the infection areas residents need to follow the CDC guidelines by getting tested, social distance and wearing a double face covering. The infection rate in Bronx has began to improve as residents some has been fully vaccinated.



Points made by DOHMH

1. The CDC has updated face covering public advised to wear two face masks.
2. 5,328, 696 total covid-19 vaccine doses administered in NYC.
3. The City is dedicated to building vaccines confidence by working with elected officials, churches and other Community based organizations.
4. All New Yorkers should limit activities and avoid crowded areas.
5. Hospitals and deaths have decreased.

Dr. Bedell states the infection rate in Bronx has began to improve and we should not let our guards down and should continue to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones. The Committee thanks Dr. Bedell for her service and hard working in the medical field and for helping to save lives.

The FY2023 HHSS Committee Budget was approved in the following order:

HHSS Committee Expense Budget Request

<u>FY 2023 Ranking</u>	<u>Bronx CB8 FY2023 Initial Expense Budget Requests</u>	FY22 Ranking
1.	HHSS- <u>NYDOHMH- Protective Medical Supplies</u> – Provided increase funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizers, gloves, and masks to combat a future outbreak of the coronavirus (covid-19) or another communicable virus. These supplies would be distributed to the public to reduce the spread of another outbreak.	1.
2.	HHSS- <u>DSS/HRA- Counselling Services</u> – Provided funding for counseling services for those affected by covid-19, domestic violence, and other mental health problems. This request is design to increase counselling service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professional.	2.
3.	HHSS- <u>NYPD-Domestic Violence Unit</u> : Provide increase funding for the domestic violence unit within the NYPD 50 th Precinct to combat domestic violence with CB8. The funding should be used to have community workshops to educate residents about the warning signs of domestic violence, the lists of shelters available to victims, how to obtain protective orders and counseling services available.	3.
4.	HHSS- <u>Mayors Office for Community Affairs- City Wide Health Advisory Board</u> – Provide funding for a citywide advisory board which can be comprised of residents and community health professionals. The board shall task with providing advice to NYS Department of Health and DOHMH how to combat a future communicable virus outbreak and also provide a needs and assessment report concerning the needs of the community that is experiencing an outbreak.	4.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Recorded and Submitted By:
Omar Murray