

**Pending Committee Approval**

**Bronx Community Board No. 8  
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00pm**

**1) Welcome & Roll Call**

Present (4): Rabbi Bob Kaplan (Chair), Sebastian Chittilappily, Dr. Wayde DeBeatham, Barbara Kail

Absent (1): Dr. Julia Gomez

Guests: Miryam Rabner (MJHS Health System), Aubrey Balcom (RiverSpring Living)

Committee meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Kaplan welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present.

**2) Approval of Committee Minutes – December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 14, 2024, April 10, 2024, May 8, 2024, June 5, 2024, & November 27, 2024, January 23, 2025, April 9, 2025**

The approval of the committee meeting minutes of December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 14, 2024, April 10, 2024, May 8, 2024, June 5, 2024, & November 27, 2024, January 23, 2025, April 9, 2025, were unanimously approved.

**3) Chairperson's Report**

The chairperson gave a report that included the content and focus of recent past meetings as well as a discussion on the state and importance of mental health, lack of services and its impact on the quality of life both in the community board and the Bronx overall. A robust discussion ensued among those attending.

**4) Finalize FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities**

We finalized our budget priorities that included mental health services and domestic violence prevention.

**5) Old Business & New Business**

There was no old or new business.

**6) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Chair, HHSS Committee*