

**(Pending Committee Approval)**

**Minutes for Health, Hospitals, and Social Services Committee  
Bronx Community Board 8**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:00pm  
Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Welcome & Roll Call**

Present (5): Dr. W. DeBeatham (Chair), S. Chittilappilly, Dr. J. Gomez, S. Matthews, Rabbi R. Kaplan

Zoom: J. Reyes (CB8 Chair)

Guests: None

Community (Zoom) J. Lovelace, H. Cruz, M. Rabner

**Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2025**

Motion to vote – S. Chittilappilly; Seconded S. Matthews; Unanimous Approval

**Review of Discussion from Last Meeting**

- Discussion of the present and future impact of the “Big Beautiful Bill”
- Impact on upcoming Insurance Premiums, ACA Premiums
- Possibility of scheduling Senator Rivera for meeting

**Unfinished/ New Business**

- Opening for Vice Chair position
- Budget Priorities
  - A. Need for Increased Funding/Focus for Domestic Violence Programs
  - B. Mental Health Funding
  - C. Increased Access, Counseling, Support Services
  - D. Considering More Concrete requests

- Potential for communication/collaboration with Mosaic Mental Health (new space on 239th Street)
- NYC Mental Health Hotline - 988 (call or chat; <https://988lifeline.org/>)
- State of Domestic Violence Resources in the 50th Precinct
- Listing of Resources/ Resource Guide for victims of Domestic Violence and Mental
- Collaboration with Stakeholders in Community Board 8 Jurisdiction (50th Precinct, Hospitals, Dept of Mental Health)
- Discussion regarding Intimate Partner and Caretaker Abuse/ Social Isolation - potential for collaboration with Aging Committee.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Minutes submitted by Dr. W. DeBeatham (Chair)

Recording Link: [https://youtu.be/811zy7Kt8yI?si=8\\_MBsq5cRMvIqCKJ](https://youtu.be/811zy7Kt8yI?si=8_MBsq5cRMvIqCKJ)