

Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, at 7:00pm

[Meeting Recording](#)

1) Welcome & Roll Call

Present (3): Rabbi Bob Kaplan (Chair), Dr. Wayde Debeatham, Barbara Kail
Absent (3): Sebastian Chittilappily, Dr. Julia Gomez, Omar Murray

Guests: Miryam Rabner (MJHS Health Systems)

Committee meeting started at 7:08 p.m. Rabbi Kaplan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Those present reviewed the previous minutes of the last several meetings. We were not able to vote to formally approve as we did not have a quorum.

During our review of the minutes, we decided to approach the presenters from DOHMH to bring one or more of the trainings on mental health to the community. We could not vote as again we did not have a quorum.

3) Discussion on Mental Health Services

We had a very in-depth discussion regarding the impact of the then threatened deportations of undocumented migrant children attending local schools and their families. There was a deep level of concern for the trauma of this threat on the mental health of this population. The group will continue to seek how they can be supportive in identifying mental health services for these children and their families.

4) FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

During our discussion on budget recommendations, we reviewed past budget proposals and discussed suggesting all budget requests from this committee to revolve around providing for mental health services for these children and their families in local schools and the community.

We were not able to vote on this recommendation as we did not have a quorum. We will bring this recommendation up at our next meeting after approaching the Chair regarding the issue of not having a quorum.

5) Old Business

We will continue addressing the issues of mental health at our next meeting.

6) New Business

There was no new business.

7) Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Chair, HHSS Committee