

Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, at 4:00pm
BXCB8 Office – Conference Room
[Meeting Recording](#)

Welcome & Framing Purpose of Joint Meeting by Committee Chairs

Present (4): Rabbi Bob Kaplan (Chair), Margaret Della, Barbara Kail, Josh Land

Absent (2): Omar Murray, Sebastian Chittilappilly (on Zoom)

Board Members: Bob Bender, Kelli Buford

Staff Liaison: Ardhmir “ Ardy” Malziu (Community Coordinator)

Guest: Miryam Rabner (MJHS Hospice)

The committee meeting began at 4:07p.m. Rabbi Kaplan thanks Margaret for facilitating the first meeting between the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee and the Racial Equity Committee.

Discussion

We want to focus on the conversations we've been having over the past several months.

- a) Combating Hate on Health
- b) Discuss Feedback on 2024 Combating Hate Community Resource Guide (Draft)

When discussing this issue of hate on health, Margaret Della emphasizes that we must not have a passive role. We want to be able to answer questions like: How do we play a role in combating hate? How do we take action?

Rabbi Kaplan, also a commissioner of Human Rights, points out that hate has risen to unprecedented levels here in New York City, therefore it is important to note what it looks like, how it operates and how normative it has become.

Both committees have been working on a resource guide for individuals who have been impacted by hate.

The resource guide will cover a variety of topics, such as the difference between hate incidents and hate crimes and it will also teach individuals how to report hate crimes. This is important because there is a lack of reporting in many communities.

Action Items

The Department of Education (D.O.E) is putting together a new curriculum called “Hidden Voices” and it will address the issue of hate.

We can possibly do an initiative in the beginning of September for students, to discuss these issues of hate.

Rabbi Kaplan suggests that we can have people present the overlays of hate via online conferences. If there are two people, one person can discuss the impact of hate from a health point of view, and the other person will address it from a societal view.

Old Business

- a) Review SCRE Items to be Submitted to the Full Board by June 13, 2024
- b) Interim Report Executive Summary (Draft)
- c) Capital Request Map (FY 25 Updated Draft)
- d) Committee Activities that Improve Equity in the District

New Business

During the panel, we will begin by defining hate, followed by an overview from sociological and health perspectives. Next, we will examine the legal aspects, including law enforcement considerations, and conclude with a guide to potential solutions. This will take place in about three months.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 4:58p.m.

Minutes recorded by Taya Jackson