

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. Wayne 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