

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020
Bronx Community Board No.8
5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100
Bronx, NY 10463**

PRESENT

Omar Murray
Steve Froot
Martin Gluck
Tao Moran
Karen Pesce

AFFILIATION

Chair- Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8- Committee Member
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GUESTS

Fredrick Klein
Laura Spalter

Office of NY State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
Vice-Chair, Bronx Community Board No.8

ABSENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM. Committee members and guests signed the attendance sheet on arrival. The meeting is started by committee members and guests introducing themselves and their affiliation. The previous committee January 2020 meeting minutes was approved:

Yes	5
No	0
Abs	0

On Thursday, June 13th, 2019 the New York State Assembly voted to eliminate religious exemptions for vaccinations in wake of the growing measles infection amongst school children. The Assembly voted 77 to 53 in favor of the elimination. Previously parents could cite religious beliefs for not getting their child or children vaccinated and such child or children would be permitted to attend school.

State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz has been a strong supporter of this bill. Fredrick Klein from the Assemblyman Dinowitz Office states that the measles infection rate has increased amongst children and those mostly at risks are those that are unvaccinated because of religious reasons. Klein explains the main goal this bill is to prevent a public health crisis in New York State especially with the rise in measles infection amongst unvaccinated children. Klein explains there is high amount of support in New York and the US for the elimination of Religious exemptions for vaccinations.

Imagine a unvaccinated child or children that has been affected by measles going to school and interacting with other unvaccinated children or child and or parents and teachers that are unvaccinated. the infection and death rate would surely increase.

Measles is a virus that causes fever and a rash. It is highly contagious and anyone who is not vaccinated against the virus can get it at any age. Measles is very contagious. It is spread through the air when an infected person sneezes or coughs. A person will be contagious four days before a rash appears and for four days after the rash appears. They are no longer contagious on the fifth day after the rash started. The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent measles. Anyone who has received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine is considered immune and unlikely to get measles. A child should get a measles vaccine at 12 months

of age. The vaccine is combined with mumps and rubella vaccines into one vaccine called measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). A second dose of the MMR vaccine should be given at 4 to 6 years of age, before children enter school.

Range	Unvaccinated	With One Prior MMR	With Two Prior MMR	With Unknown MMR	Total
Under 1 year	100	2	None	None	102
1 to 4 years	244	32	1	None	277
5 to 17 years	128	6	10	2	146
18 years and over	5	7	20	92	124
Total	477	47	31	94	649

Under the new law the State and City of New York will issue summons and fines to those who refuse to get vaccinated.

Submitted by:
 Omar Murray
 Chair,
 Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee