

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Held on
Wednesday, May 13th.2020
Via
Zoom Conference Call

Present:	Affiliation
Omar Murray	Chair – Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Martin Gluck	CB8- Committee Member
Steve Froot	CB8- Committee Member
Tao Moran	CB8- Committee Member
Karen Pesce	CB8- Committee Member

Absent:

Guest:	
Dr. Margaret Aldrich	Montefiore Medical Center
David Gellman	Chair- CB8 Budget Committee
Mary Ellen Gibbs	Community Resident

The Committee meeting is called to order at 7:38 pm. The Chair opens by thanking all Committee members and guests for coming to the meeting and expresses healthy well wishes to all and their families. The April 2020 committee minutes was approved:

Yes	5
No	0
Abs	0

The Chair introduces Dr. Margaret Aldrich. Dr. Aldrich is an internal medicine/pediatric specialist at Montefiore Hospital Center, Dr. Aldrich has been in practice between 6-10 years and will speak on care and practice of Coronavirus (COVID-19) at Montefiore Hospital. Dr Aldrich States April 13 was one of the worse days at the hospital as they had the greatest number of COVID-19 patients. Montefiore had over 1600 patients that were tested positive for COVID-19 across the entire system. Montefiore currently has over 10 hospitals within its system:

COVID-19 patients was mostly young adults with ages ranges 22-50 and the entire pediatric department had to be converted to Covid-19 floors and numerous nonpatient areas was converted in patient areas. the first confirmed COVID-19 patient was in March 2020 and the number started to double and bed capacity had to be increased.

In early January Montefiore was in consultation with the Department of Health as to how to prepare and what was needed to respond. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) was an issue same as in many other hospitals. Currently many tests trials are being explored by Montefiore and many other hospitals in the United States for a vaccination and a cure for COVID-19. Going forward Montefiore will work closely with the guidelines from the CDC. Dr. Aldrich states her primary goal is to ensure that all her adult and pediatric patients affected by COVID-19 recovers and remains healthy.

The Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee of Bronx Community Board No.8 expresses many thanks and gratitude Dr. Aldrich and the entire medical staff at Montefiore hospital for their dedication and service to our community in combating COVID-19.

The Chair thanks all Committee members and guests for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted By
Omar Murray
Chair,
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee