

## **PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

### **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

#### **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, November 17, 2014**

##### **PRESENT**

Steven Froot  
Herb Young  
Ruby Palma  
Melanie Baez  
Phillip Torres

##### **AFFILIATION**

Committee Chair  
CB 8  
Community Committee member, Housing  
Methodist Home

**The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at Marble Hill Community Center.**

**Minutes:** no review of October meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum

**Chair's Report:** As no Committee members were present, the Chair provided an overview of HHSS to those in attendance.

**Presentation: Melanie Baez, Marketing Department  
Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation**

Ms. Baez, who is new to the Methodist Home, stated that the facility, which is not-for-profit, has 120 beds, all private rooms. She explained that the Methodist Home was formerly served long-term residence only, but now provides sub-acute rehabilitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and wound care on a short-term basis. The facility also provides hospice/palliative care.

**Tour: Marble Hill Community Center**

Ruby Palma, who works with the Marble Hill Garden, led a brief tour of the facilities and programs at the Marble Hill Community Center, which includes a daily senior center, daily after-school program for elementary school-age children (3:30-6 pm) and teens (6-10 pm), and an adult program on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

##### **New Business**

Ms. Palma suggested that Workfare placements, to the extent possible, should assign people to positions in their own community, and that HRA public assistance centers provide computer access so that time spent waiting can be used productively.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm.**

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 7:30 pm at the Schervier Apartments, 2995 Independence Avenue.

Prepared by Steven Froot, Chair  
Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee