

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

### **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, September 16, 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

Steven Froot  
Michael Heller  
Joyce Pilsner  
Sylvia Alexander  
Dana Lennon  
Lisa Daub

#### **AFFILIATION**

Chair  
Vice-Chair  
CB8 – Committee member  
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The meeting was held at the Board Office, and called to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were accepted as submitted.

#### **Chair's Report**

- The Chair welcomed new Board member Lisa Daub to the Committee, and noted that Xaxia Sanchez and Steve Balicer would be rejoining the Committee.
- Committee meetings will likely alternate again this year between the Board office and various locations in Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights and South Riverdale.
- The Chair explained the procedure for appointment of community members of HHSS, who need to attend three consecutive Committee meetings to qualify.
- The Chair noted recent announcements of a Health Fair at Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Association, and a free flu shot walk-in clinic every Tuesday and Thursday at St. Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center at 4487 Third Avenue.

#### **Follow-up Business**

##### **Forum on Underage Drinking**

The goal is to hold the forum at the MS/HS 141 auditorium in October or November 2013, or at another school location. We are arranging for a panel of speakers that will include an ER physician, the head of the NY Center for Alcohol Policy Solutions, a mental health professional from RMHA, a representative of DOHMH and possibly a school counselor.

We will plan to screen a short film, "Under 21: Why We Drink," which was produced by students. The goal is to have a student introduce the film, and for students from the host school to sit on the panel for Q&A.

The Committee discussed publicity and promotion, including an ad in the Riverdale Press and listing in the weekly calendar, as well as mention on NY1 or Bronx12 community events calendars. Committee members also suggested outreach to local community centers, to interest parents and students in the forum – including KHCC, RCC, Riverdale Neighborhood House and the Riverdale Y. It was also suggested that individual contact be made with all the public, private and parochial middle and high schools in CB 8, whether via principals or Parent Associations, or both. Vice Chair Mike Heller agreed to coordinate event logistics; the Chair will recruit panelists; the Board office is trying to confirm the location and will follow up on Sylvia Alexander's suggestion that the forum start at 7 pm rather than at 6:30 pm. There was also discussion of arranging to have handouts at the forum for attendees to take away.

### **New Business**

The Chair stated that based on past interest the Committee would plan to invite a representative of the volunteer ambulance service Hatzolah to meet with the Committee. Hatzolah, which is staffed by Orthodox Jewish EMS technicians and paramedics, operates in an around CB 8.

After the Underage Drinking Forum, it is anticipated that the Committee will try to assist in replicating at area libraries the successful cooking classes focusing on healthy eating that had been held at the Jerome Park and Kingsbridge Library branches for teens and their families.

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Underage Drinking Forum on Monday, October 21, or, in the alternative (if the Forum cannot be held that evening) at 7:30 pm at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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