

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX  
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Maria Khury	Committee, Chair
Steven Balicer	CB8
Phillip Friedman	Committee, Co-Chair
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Beverly Fettman	CB8
Steven Froot	CB8
Bridget Maybury	CB8
Joyce Pilsner	CB8
Brett Eisenberg	BILS/Speaker
Christina Eisenberg	
Alan Mucatel	Committee Member
Bruce Zarett	Kingsbridge Heights Rehab & Care Center

Meeting called to order: 7:30PM

1. **Bronx Independent Living Services** – Brett Eisenberg, Director presented the background and services of the agency. He has been Executive Director since March '09. This is a non-profit agency supported by government funds, grants, etc, serving people with disabilities. It is located at 4419 Third Ave. in the Bronx. Its services include advocacy, crisis intervention, information and referral, counseling for victims of crime and domestic violence, independent living services, i.e. budgeting, help with housing problems (the #1 issue), assistance with benefits/entitlements, peer counseling, employment and referral. All services are free. 51% of the staff and board include people who are disabled. They have just added youth services. The Borough president's Disability Advisory Council was kicked off in October. It meets quarterly and advises the Borough President about issues of importance to the disabled. Mr. Eisenberg Chairs the Council.
2. **Budget Priorities:** to be presented at June's Executive Committee Meeting. The Chair requested suggestions for Budget priorities. She is reaching out to Health agencies for information and will report.  
  
**Capital:** New EMS truck for EMS Outpost  
Maintenance of restocking station at 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
**Expense:** Funding for Riverdale Mental Health Association Geriatric Mental Health Program.  
Funding requests for people with Physical & Autistic disabilities.
3. Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. The Chair read a letter of commendation she sent to Daniel Froot on behalf of the Committee in appreciation of the tobacco survey he prepared for the committee. A copy was sent to Horace Mann.
4. The Chair is coordinating and organizing with Steve Balicer the Forum on Health Reform, Health budget cuts and the effect on Bronx Community Board 8 for the Fall. Further details to follow in June's meeting. Tentative date considered October 13, 2010.
5. Alan Mucatel volunteered to follow-up on a request from the Chair to speak with a participant that attended our Public Hearing (Leake and Watts) so she can respond to his concerns.
6. The Red Cross will make a presentation at our June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
7. Car pooling was suggested for the special meeting of June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Terrace Health Care re to the Methadone Clinic.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20PM

Respectfully compiled by Phillip Friedman,  
submitted by Joyce M. Pilsner  
and approved by Maria Khury