

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2012

PRESENT

Steven Froot
Michael Heller
Karen Pesce
Steven Balicer
Sylvia Alexander
Young Ju Kang
Sung Hee Jung

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair
Committee Vice Chair
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Lehman nurse practitioner degree candidate
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

The minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Chair's Report

- Bronx Health REACH, which has presented to the Committee twice over the past two years, will be conducting a town hall meeting to discuss disparities in health care treatment and outcomes for Medicaid patients on April 28, 2012, from 10 am – 1 pm, at PS 33, 2424 Jerome Avenue.
- Jacobi Medical Center is hosting a conference on childhood trauma's impact on later mental and physical health on Thursday, May 17, 2012, from 8:30 – noon.

Follow-Up Business

PS 7 Health & Nutrition Fair: The health & nutrition fair that will take place at PS 7 under the auspices of the Bon Secours Healthy Communities Initiative will be rescheduled for a date in June. When the date and other details are confirmed, HHSS Committee members will assist by contacting principals and parent association leaders in other elementary schools in Community Board 8 to invite them to attend or to send a representative of their school, with an eye toward replicating the fair at other schools.

Health Screening: The Chair reported that he has commitments from the Bronx County Dental Association and Visiting Nurse Service to provide dental and medical screening, respectively, at Riverfest on June 24, 2012. For the Riverdale Festival of the Arts, on May 6, 2012, the Vice Chair has arranged for Montefiore to provide blood pressure screening at the festival location on Johnson Avenue.

Budget Priorities: The Committee's budget priorities are due in June. The Committee discussed the statement by RMHA Executive Director Rob Brewster describing the geriatric mental health program for which RNHA has asked us to renew our support request, which will be an expense budget item. The Committee will also resubmit a

capital request for the establishment of an EMS restocking station in CB 8. We are still awaiting information from Nicole and/or Phil Friedman on a breakdown by community board on EMS response times. Sylvia Alexander stated she felt it was important to keep this issue on EMS/FDNY's radar screen. Karen Pesce indicated that the same request likely would be made by the Aging Committee; the Chair indicated his understanding that the Board would make only one request, but would show the request as jointly sponsored by the two committees.

Forum on Underage Drinking: Further discussion of the forum, proposed for fall 2012. The Chair indicated that one local college did not appear to be interested in participating on the panel, but that it was his view that the forum would be directed to parents of middle and high school students in any event. Discussion ensued as to the appropriate ages and schools to target, as well as the types of speakers.

New Business

- The Chair was recently contacted by a nonprofit agency, Services for the Developmentally Challenged, about establishing a group residence for six individuals in the North Riverdale area at some point in the next year. This was a purely introductory conversation, during which the Chair explained the Padavan hearing process. A general discussion took place on the operation of such group homes, recent history in CB 8, and how they are funded and distributed among different communities.
- Karen Pesce recommended the Committee engage on the issue of meeting the special needs of older adults to enable them to stay in their own homes. The Chair inquired as to what types of agencies need funding to accomplish this goal. To be discussed further.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:30 PM, Board Office

Monday, June 18, Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation & Care Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Prepared by Michael Heller, Vice Chair

Approved by Steven Froot, Chair

Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee