

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**  
**Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Ave**  
**Suite 100**  
**Bronx, NY 10471**

**PRESENT**

Omar Murray  
Lisa Daub  
Steven Froot  
Tao Moran

**AFFILIATION**

Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee  
CB8-Committee member  
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**GUESTS**

**ABSENT**

Julia Gomez  
Karen Pesce

Vice-Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee  
CB8-Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM. Committee members signed the attendance sheet on arrival.

The previous Committee Minutes of November 20, 2017 were approved. The December minutes will be presented at the next committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Board Office.

**Vote for Minutes Approval**

Yes - 4  
No - 0  
Abs - 0

The Chair welcomed all committee members back from the holidays. There was no previous committee meeting for January due to a conflict with Martin Luther King (MLK) Day. The Chair reported that Board Chair Rosemary Ginty has stated at a recent district meeting the Department of Homeless Services has report that there are over 380 homeless person that are affiliated with Community Board 8, and the Board is in the process of finding out what has cause such a rate and how can this rate be reduced. The Committee Chair further stated that Ms. Ginty was working to see if the either the Health or Housing Committee will work on this issue. The determination will be made based on what is the of cause such a high homeless rate.

On areas to tackle, the suggestion was made to have Mosaic Mental Health (formerly Riverdale Mental Health) to come and speak to the Committee. In the past the Board has recommended funding to assist with outreach and daily operations. Mosaic however has not appeared before the Committee in over two years. Mosaic has appointed a new Executive Director Ms. Donna Friedman, and the Committee Chair and the Board Office staff will reach out to her. Steve Froot states the organization has appeared before the Committee during his tenure as Committee Chair.

On January 2017 the Riverdale Press did an article titled "Hunger Project assures there is food on the table" highlighting a nonprofit organization called the Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Marble Hill Hunger Project that is working to decrease that hunger rate in Riverdale, Marble Hill and Kingsbridge. One focus of the organization is to bring attention to hunger in Riverdale, Mable Hill and Kingsbridge and to eliminate misimpression that Riverdale is just a rich neighborhood with no hunger issues.

Ms. Frances Segan, President of the Riverdale/Marble Hill/Kingsbridge Food and Hunger Project will be invited to the next Committee meeting. The organization provides groceries to those experiencing financial hardship. The organization distributes food through Episcopal Church of the Mediator and works with the Riverdale Y to deliver food to senior citizens.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Murray, Chair  
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee