

Pending Committee Approval
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
Citadel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
3400 Cannon Place, First Floor - Conference Room
Bronx, NY 10463

PRESENT

Omar Murray
Martin Gluck
Tao Moran
Karen Pesce

AFFILIATION

Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB-8 Committee Member
CB8- Committee Member
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GUESTS

Miguelina Calderon
Denise Clark
Lisa Daub
Alex Dimaio
Rosemary Ginty
Maria Grullon
Zelda Keaton
Maureen Kelly
Tara McMaster
Laura Spalter

Community Resident
Special Citizens Futures Unlimited (SCFU)
Secretary, Bronx Community Board 8
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Chair, Bronx Community Board 8
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Vice-Chair, Bronx Community Board 8

ABSENT

Steve Froot
Julia Gomez
Cesar Genao-Mejia

CB-8 Committee Member
Vice-Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8-Committee Member

1. GENERAL ISSUES:

Minutes approval on agenda only.
Group introduction of committee members and visitors

2. Introduction: Quorum was met.

Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting
Motion was raised and approved to approve minutes of last meeting

ISSUE RAISED AT MEETING

1. 5743 Faraday Avenue Group Home: Issues raised were associated with complaints raised by neighbors.

- a) guest "A", discussed distressed tenant of discussion regarding yelling and screaming outside the home at various times throughout the 24-hour day.
- b) Workers associated with the Group Home were cited for parking their trucks in spaces typically dedicated for residents and workers in the Group Home. Workers were noted to play music in a loud fashion. Workers were noted to start very early in the am, around 7am. Workers reported as being "disruptive" in various ways, appearing not to respect the rights of the neighbors. Tenants and workers in the Group Home on the other hand seem acceptable without any major complaints raised against them.
- c) more focused issues were raised against the autistic tenant occupying the home. Guest "B" noted that the autistic resident would be seen outside of the home reciting scripts from movies in a loud manner. Other times noise (seemingly verbal) were heard to be coming from inside the home as well.
- d) local disruption around the home and presumptively inside it, sometimes led to calls to police, infrequently maybe 1-2 times yearly over the past 1-2 years. No violence issues were raised by any of our guests.

- e) Guest (X) continued to explain that Jeffrey the autistic tenant has predictable behaviors.
Guest (y) provided a discussion to defend the use of available parking by the workers, even if on neighbor's territory. Both staff and workers utilize the available parking.
Questions were raised by board about restricting interaction between the Group Home representatives and the surrounding neighbors. This was acknowledged as reasonable by guest (Z). Omar recommended contacting state agencies to address the disruptive issues raised by the workers.
- f) Variation of the staff at the Group Home with the neighbors seem to vary from "good to bad".

2) Parking issues in relationship to the workers was raised over and over.

a) it was suggested to the guests by our chair to keep dialogue open between the neighbors and staff to mitigate/ameliorate conflicts between the two groups.

b) Complaints raised against the Faraday Group home administration could be considered after (a) if unsuccessful.

c) Ms. L. Spalter brought up options consistent with reviewing rules of Riverdale Manor that runs the program.

3) Collectively, it was agreed that the Group Home representatives should arrange to meet with Community Advisory Board who can keep touch with other community boards.

4) Business issues:

NYPD 50th Precinct Report: Domestic Violence Crimes (No report presented)

SAFE HORIZON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENTATION (supported by Ms. Ginty Chairwomen)

CHRISTOPHER GUILLIANO HEALTH AND WELLNESS RECOVERY CENTER:

FOR PROFIT DRUG TREATMENT CENTER.

methadone clinic proposal deferred to March 2019.

outstanding information (no medicare/Medicaid),

5) Meeting was adjourned approximately 9pm.

ATTENDEES: Per sign in sheet on meeting day.

Next meeting 03/13/2018

Recorded by:
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Member,
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee

Submitted by:
Omar Murray
Chair,
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee