

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018**  
**Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Bronx, NY 10471**

**PRESENT**

Omar Murray  
Lisa Daub  
Karen Pesce  
Martin Gluck

**AFFILIATION**

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

**GUESTS**

Donna Friedman  
Vivian Garcia  
Daniel Ortiz

Executive Director, Mosaic Mental Health  
Marketing Manager, Montefiore Health Systems  
Program Manager, Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

**ABSENT**

Steve Froot  
Julia Gomez  
Tao Moran

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM. Committee members and guests signed the attendance sheet on arrival. The meeting is started by Committee members and guests introducing themselves and their affiliation. The Chair expresses his condolences to Miss Donna Friedman for the passing of a family member and explains that will he is making an adjustment to the agenda to allow Ms. Friedman to speak first and explain the Budget requests made by Mosaic Mental Health Clinic.

Originally there were four budget requests made by Mosaic totaling \$280,000 for fiscal year 2020. The breakdown is as follows

- Innovative Services for Seniors - \$118,000
- Domestic Violence Training Video - \$22,000
- School Initiative - \$40,000
- Technology Development - \$ 100,000

Ms. Friedman states she is withdrawing the request for funding for the domestic training video as she has received funding for this project. Ms. Friedman begins the budget presentation by explaining that Mosaic (formerly Riverdale Mental Health Clinic ) originally started with 3 people and now has 100 staff and currently Medicaid does not cover many people which utilizes services provided. Innovative services for seniors is a genetic mental health program that focuses on healthy and independent living for seniors. The school initiative is a program created to provide counseling to students in schools within Bronx community Board No 8. The technology development of new systems is divided into two areas:

- Mental Health Services for Assessment and Intake of Vulnerable and High-Risk Populations; and
- Medicaid Redesign, to enable Mosaic to adequately capture and report the information required in order to be able to report on the mental health outcomes of patients required for new reimbursement models

Ms. Friedman states funding would be helpful to the clinic to operate as the clinic is behind in certain expenses. The Chair thanks Ms. Friedman for coming and explaining the budget requests to the Committee and he further states that the request will be forwarded to David Gellman, Chair of the Budget Committee.

Miss Vivian Garcia, Marketing Manager for Montefiore Health Systems begins the presentation by explaining that the Montefiore Diamond care plan is designed for individuals who are in frail health but able to live independently at home with the services and support provided by the diamond care plan. The plan has 1500 participants and a projected 150 within Community Board No 8. Ms. Garcia explains that Montefiore provides assistance with Medicaid applications and no referral is needed to join the plan.

The Diamond Care plan is comprised of RN's, LPN's and HHA's. Once a member joins he or she will be assigned a case manager who will speak with you, your health care providers and your family to manage your day-to-day needs. The case managers can identify problems early and change your service plan to help you stay in your home as long as possible. Periodic health assessments are conducted to determine your levels of improvement. Should nursing home care be required it would be provided within a nursing facility associated with the Montefiore network.

**To become a member participant must meet the following criteria:**

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Be a resident of the Bronx or Westchester County.
- Be Medicaid eligible.
- Be able to live safely at home or in a nursing home with the support of Montefiore Diamond Care.
- Have health problems and limitations that would require community based long-term care services for more than 120 days from the effective date of enrollment.
- Agree to receive all your covered services through Montefiore Diamond Care.

**The Montefiore Diamond Care Plan Services include the following:**

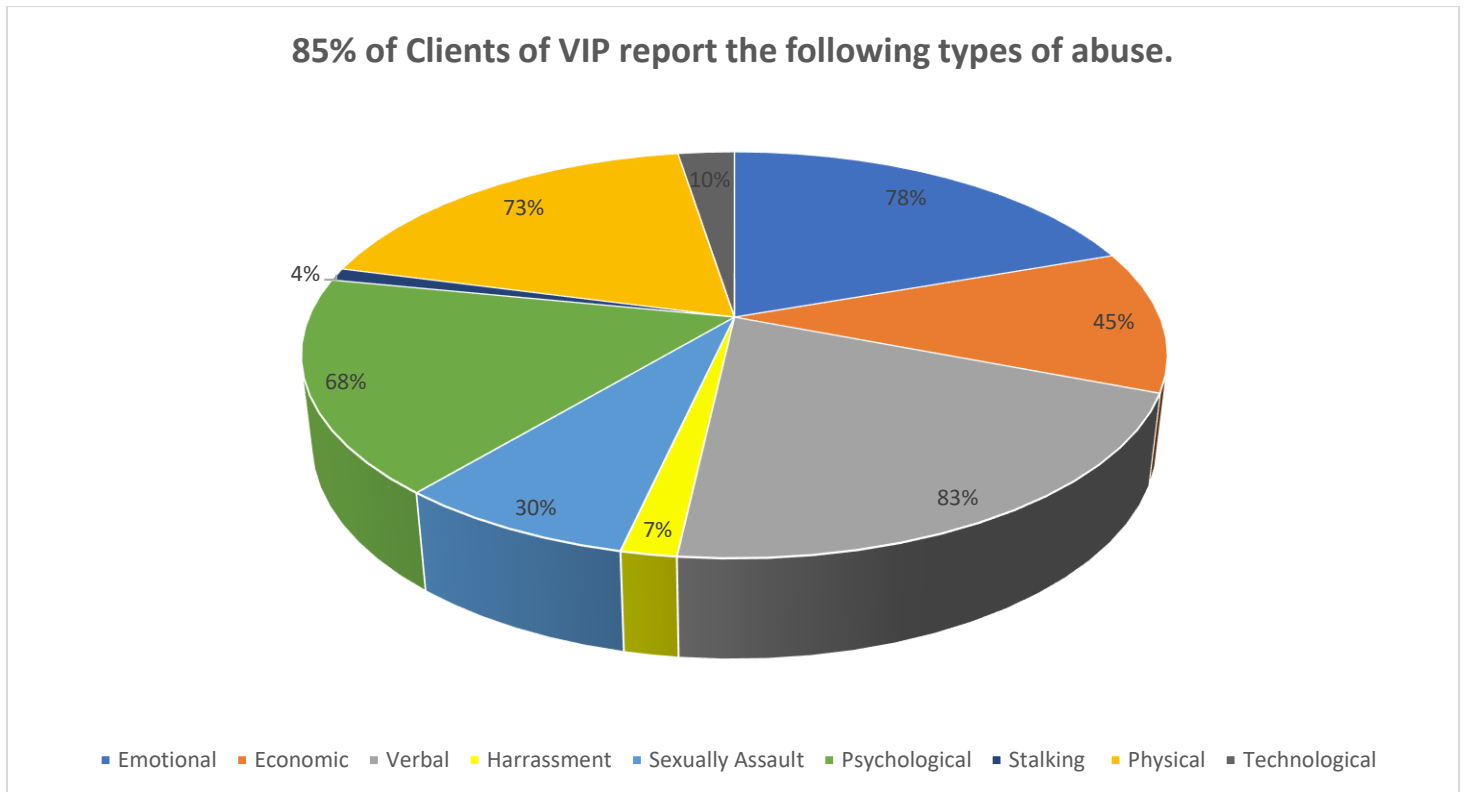
- Adult Day Healthcare
- Audiology, Hearing Aids and Batteries
- Care Management
- Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Services
- Dental Care
- Environmental Supports
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Medical Social Services
- Non-Emergent Transportation to and from Medical Services •
- Nursing
- Nursing Home Care
- nutrition/Dietary Counseling
- optometry (Including Eyeglasses)
- Personal Care
- Personal Emergency Response System

- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies
- Podiatry and Routine Foot Care
- Private-Duty Nursing
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Day Care
- Home Care
- Covered Services may be delivered by telehealth

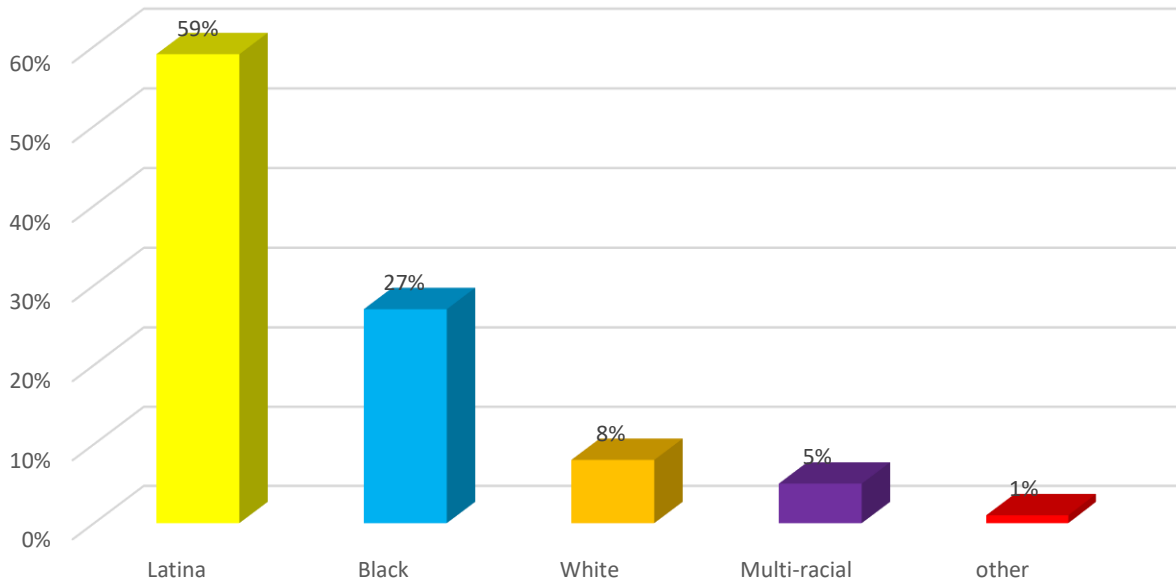
The plan is approved by the State of New York. To be enrolled or if you have questions, please contact Montefiore at 1-855-556-6683 and for more info you may visit the following website <http://www.montefiore.org/diamond-care>

Mr. Daniel Ortiz states that abuse is growing issue with NYC and currently resources are limited as there 750 beds for domestic violence victims in NYC and victims are also given 90 days in a shelter and often when this time has expired victims have to leave the shelter which sometimes result in them returning to the same abusive environment or even worse.

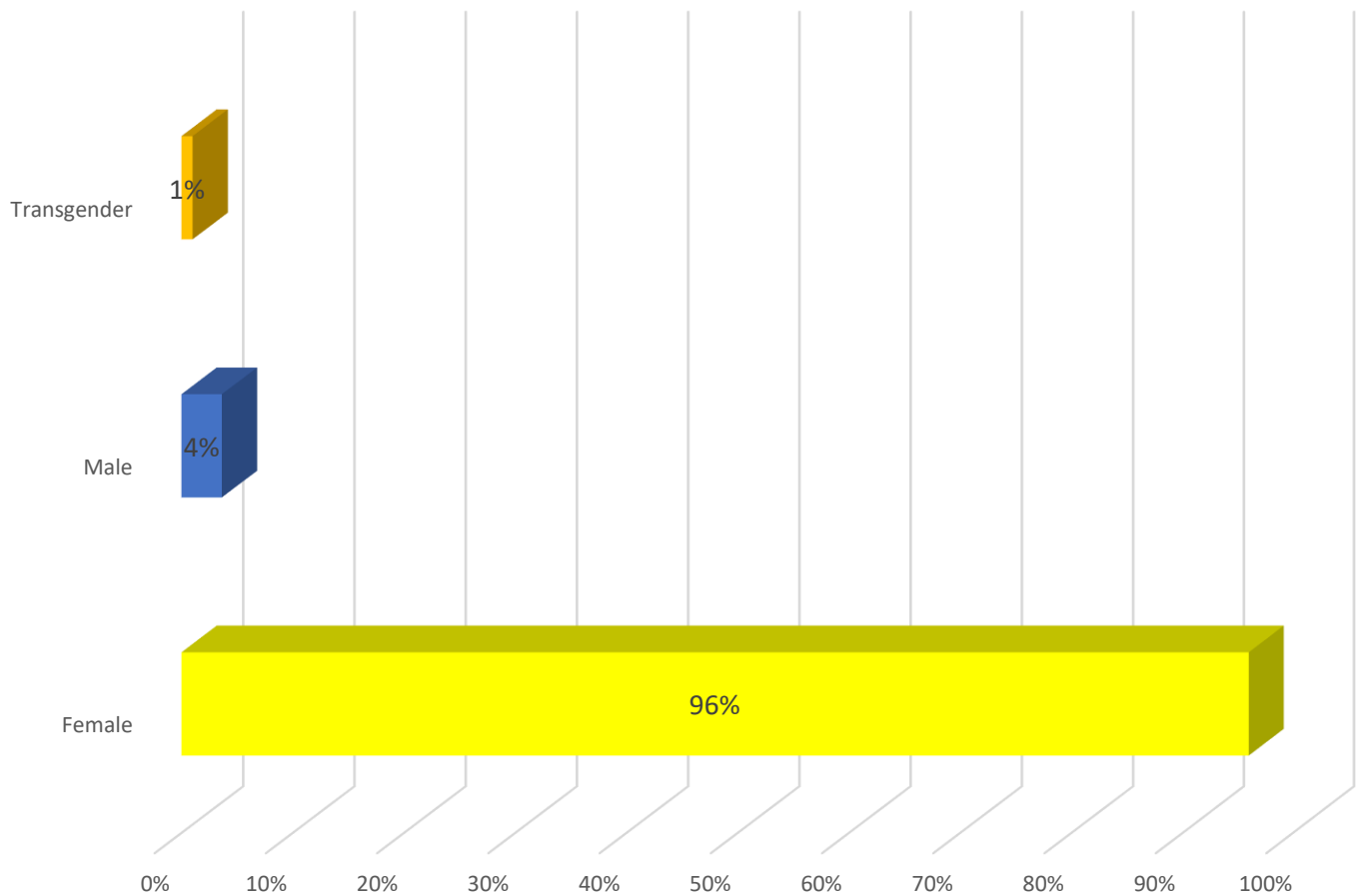
Violence Intervention Program (VIP) was founded in 1984 to address intimate partner and sexual violence within our communities. VIP serves people of all races, sex, ages, languages and immigration status. Mr. Ortiz explains there are many types of abuse which VIP handles such as emotional, verbal, economic harassment, sexual assault, stalking, physical ,psychological and technological. The chart shows the breakdown below:



The breakdown of victims of abuse according to race and ethnicity that VIP handle for 2017.



Victims of abuse according to sex.



Mr. Ortiz states signs of abuse include the:

- Constant criticizing you and putting you down
- Doesn't let you make financial decisions for your self
- Isolates you from your family and friends
- Always check on you via text, calls and social media
- Hurts you physically in anyway or threatens to hurt you
- Pressures you to take in unwanted sexual activity

**The best way to help a victim of abuse is by:**

- Listen without interrupting
- Say you believe in them
- Support them even if they choose to stay in the relationship
- Offer practical help like going with them to appointments or offering to take care of their kids so they can go on their own
- Give them the VIP hotline number 1800-664-5880 or encourage them to visit the following website:  
[www.Vipmujeres.org](http://www.Vipmujeres.org)  
[www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence](http://www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence)

Mr. Ortiz thanks the committee for inviting him to speak on abuse and states he would be willing to come back on speak on the topic .

There was no old business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Murray, Chair  
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee

## Community Board No. 8 Bronx

### 2020 Budget Priority Request Sheet

Committee: Health, Hospitals & Social Services

Category: **Expense** [\$40,000 sought]

Request: Funding for a “School Initiative” that would allow Mosaic Mental Health, formerly the Riverdale Mental Health Association (RMHA), to provide counseling for students in schools in Bronx Community Board 8 that do not have satellite clinics operated by Mosaic

Explanation:

Supported by Agency: TBD

Agency: TBD

## Community Board No. 8 Bronx

### 2020 Budget Priority Request Sheet

Committee: Health, Hospitals & Social Services

Category: **Expense** [\$118,000 sought]

Request: Funding for the “Innovative Services for Seniors” program, a geriatric mental health program operated by Mosaic Mental Health, formerly the Riverdale Mental Health Association (RMHA)

Explanation: Provide increased funding to Mosaic for existing integrative senior services, a geriatric initiative that addresses the unique mental health issues in Bronx Community Board 8’s growing geriatric community, with an emphasis on the Hispanic population, and focuses on independent healthy living for seniors.

Supported by Agency: TBD

Agency: Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

Note: *We are informed that funding in recent years has come from the City Council, but DOHMH processes the funds and informs RMHA what documentation is required. The Department for the Aging (DFTA) has in past years played no role in funding this program.*

## Community Board No. 8 Bronx

### 2020 Budget Priority Request Sheet

Committee: Health, Hospitals & Social Services

Category: **Expense** [2 x \$50,000 sought]

Request: Funding for development of new systems by Mosaic Mental Health, formerly the Riverdale Mental Health Association (RMHA), in two areas:

- Mental Health Services for Assessment and Intake of Vulnerable and High-Risk Populations; and
- Medicaid Redesign, to enable Mosaic to adequately capture and report the information required in order to be able to report on the mental health outcomes of patients required for new reimbursement models

Explanation:

Supported by Agency: TBD

Agency: Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)