

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Monday, March 19, 2018**  
**Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Bronx, NY 10471**

**PRESENT**

Omar Murray  
Lisa Daub  
Karen Pesce  
Steve Froot  
Julia Gomez

**AFFILIATION**

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

**GUESTS**

Donna Friedman  
Patricia Gourdine  
Miryam Rabner  
Frances Segan  
Krystal Serrano

Mosaic Mental Health/ Riverdale  
Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Marble Hill Food Hunger Project  
MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care  
Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Marble Hill Food Hunger Project  
Schervier Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

**ABSENT**

Tao Moran

CB8-Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. Committee members and Guests signed the attendance sheet on arrival. The Chair welcomed both Committee members and Guests to the meeting and invited all to introduce themselves and affiliation.

The previous Committee Minutes of December and February were approved with grammatically amendments.

**Vote for Minutes Approval**

Yes - 5  
No - 0  
Abs - 0

Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Marble Hill Food and Hunger project (KRMH Food and Hunger) presented on their organization. KRMH Food and Hunger was founded in 1980 by Dr. Furman and serves zip codes 10471, 10468, and 10463. They serve the elderly, working class, single mothers, and anyone else in need. In 2007 they distributed 1300 bags of food.

KRMH Food and Hunger consists of three components: the pantry at the Church of the Mediator, Kosher packages at the Riverdale Y, and Holiday treat bags. The pantry at the Church of the Mediator gives 2 bags of food to each recipient twice per month. The value of each bag is approximately \$45. They do ask for verification of living in the service ages. It is open on Tuesdays from 9 am – 11 am. The pantry is donation based but does additionally use approximately \$20,000 - \$22,000 in cash donations each year.

The Kosher packages for the Riverdale Y usually need to be purchased. They usually pack the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month to supplement the Meals of Wheels program. The Riverdale Y then handles the delivery to ensure that the recipients remain anonymous. The Holiday treat bags are usually a distribution of approximately 250 bags. They are comprised of Kosher cookies and chocolates and are distributed to mostly children, but also some homebound elderly and shelters.

The committee and guests then discussed ways to assist KRMH Food and Hunger. It was suggested that the committee nominate the volunteers for Community Board 8 volunteer recommendation day. Also suggested that RKHM Food and Hunger connect with Horace Mann's Service Learning groups. It was further clarified that the Service Learning groups can organize drives, not just supply volunteers.

Mosaic Mental Health Clinic presented on their organization. The presenter stated that five to six years ago the state changed how they funded mental health. This resulted in an approximately 40% cut in the funding that Mosaic received. Mosaic has re-applied for funding for the non-billable services that Mosaic provides in the community. They are also creating a training film on how to spot, address, and de-escalate violence and domestic violence.

Mosaic rebranded a few years ago to more accurately represent that they are not receiving a lot of private funds, and that Mosaic provides services to more than just Riverdale. They provide services in a wide range of services including early childhood, crisis respite, a parent and child program, the number one vocational program in the state, a family support center, a PROS program, CTI, a satellite program in schools to consult, Mosaic also has an integrated license to treat addiction.

Mosaic also expressed concerns that value-based payments are coming. Mosaic usually provides services to Medicare and state insurances (i.e. GHI) that typically reimburse at approximately half the rate of Medicaid. Mosaic stated that they may have to stop providing services because they may not be able to provide services on deficit funding.

When the conversation opened to questions the group recommended that Mosaic try to get their training video funded. A community board member asked what Mosaic had in mind for help by coming to the community board. Mosaic responded that they were looking for exposure and gave the group the Mosaic website [www.mosaicmh.org](http://www.mosaicmh.org)

Schervier presented to the community board about their agency. Schervier was founded in 1951 as St. Frances Hospital before becoming a nursing home. They currently have 364 beds and function a sub-acute unit, a long-term unit, a dementia unit, and a hospice. They provide trec (?) cardio and wound care on nine acres and have 500 employees. On the nine acres they also have HUD senior apartments, they are separate from the nursing home, and managed separately by TL management a for profit national company.

All of the Schervier rooms are private and Schervier plans on staying community based. Schervier also wants to open for community-based education on topics including elder abuse, senior education, health and nutrition, mental health, community feedback, and gardening therapy.

Schervier is a five-star facility with one of the lowest re-admission rate to hospitals. They also have tender touch therapy on site. They have a volunteer program – Connie runs program (?), they do not have assisted living, but they have a partnership with Atria (sp?) but there are some vacant buildings on the grounds. They also are not currently providing home health services.

There was no old business

New business

The one person move request was withdrawn

The next meeting is scheduled for 4/16/18

The community reports that there is progress with the Faraday group home

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia T. Gomez, Vice-Chair  
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee