

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018**  
**Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Bronx, NY 10471**

**PRESENT**

Omar Murray  
Lisa Daub  
Karen Pesce  
Steve Froot  
Martin Gluck  
Tao Moran

**AFFILIATION**

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

**ABSENT**

Julia Gomez

Vice Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM. Committee members signed the attendance sheet on arrival and advised the Committee that we have a new member Dr. Martin Gluck. The Chair stated at the recent Borough meeting our Board Chair Ms. Rosemary Ginty was provided with a breakdown of the main cause of homelessness within our district by the DHS. There is a projected total of 380 homeless people in our district. 20% is caused by overcrowding, 30% is caused by eviction and another 30% is caused by domestic violence.

The Chair stated he contacted the Mayor's office for domestic violence to have someone speak on the issue, however suggestions were made that maybe it would be wise to have a forum and have someone also from DHS to speak on how the agency has been handling the homeless with our district. The suggestion was also made to contact the housing committee Chair to have a joint meeting (Housing/Health Committee Meeting) to share information discuss how we can move forward and possibly having a bigger discussion such as a forum.

At the Committee March meeting, The Executive Director of Mosaic Mental Health Clinic Donna Friedman presented on the organization. Ms. Friedman 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. In the past budget request has been submitted by the Health Committee on behalf of Mosaic to assist the organization with their programs. Steven Froot states he will contact the organization to speak with them concern budget requests and will report to committee.

K. Pesce states she will contact the commanding officer for 50<sup>th</sup> precinct inspector O'toole to have someone speak on how the precinct handling domestic violence problems within out district and the resources available for victims of domestic violence.

There was no old business

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Murray, Chair  
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee