

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Bronx, NY 10471**

**PRESENT**

Omar Murray  
Steven Froot  
Julia Gomez  
Martin Gluck  
Tao Moran  
Karen Pesce

**AFFILIATION**

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

Miguelina Calderon  
Luis Garrido  
Beatriz Muylaert

Community Resident  
MIRA USA  
Columbia University

**ABSENT**

Cesar Genao-Mejia

CB-8 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 previous meeting minutes of June 2018 was approved with amendments and corrections.

**Vote:**

Yes: 6  
No: 0  
Abs: 0

Mr. Luis Garrido states he is affiliated with MIRA USA and he has come to the Committee meeting to explain MIRA USA and how his Organization may work with Community Board number 8. MIRA USA is a non profit organization that seeks to improve the lives people living in underprivilege communities through its volunteers and currently operates in 9 states within the of the United States.

Mr. Garrido explains MIRA USA is based in Queens with headquarters in Florida. The organization provides various training such as Osha training, fundraising and entrepreneurial classes. MIRA USA has previously work with Queens Community Board 3. Mr. Garrido states he will provide his contact information to the Board Office and he will be willing to come to a next committee meeting. The Committee thanks Mr. Garrido for coming.

Miss Pesce suggested if its possible to have a speaker to come to our committee to discuss medical marijuana. The goal would be to understand the positives and negatives of this drug. We would need to appropriate speak, The chair states he will look for someone to speak on the matter.

The Committee had various discussions for this meeting season (Sept-Dec) such as meeting venues. Previous season (Jan-June 2018) the committee mostly held meetings at the board office and for this season the committee is willing to change that by having meeting in various other venue. Mr. Froot states the office has a

master lists that we should look at to rotate the meetings to different venues. the Chair states he will email the office and request the lists.

For upcoming meetings, the Committee will tackle issues such as having a health fairs and a presentation on health care in the Bronx.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm.

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