

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**  
**Bronx Community Board No. 8**  
**Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee**  
**Held on**  
**Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 7:30pm**  
**Via**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Omar Murray	Chair – Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Lisa Daub	CB8- Committee Member
Martin Gluck	CB8- Committee Member
Julia Gomez	CB8- Committee Member

<b>Absent:</b>	
Steve Froot	CB8- Committee Member
Karen Pesce	CB8- Committee Member

<b>Guest (s):</b>	
David Gellman	Chair, CB8-Budget Committee
Laura Spalter	Chair, Bronx Community Board No.8
Jermaine Williams	Department of Social Services-HRA

The Committee meeting is called to order at 7:36 pm. The Chair opens with introduction of all Committee members and guests. The September 2020 Committee minutes was approved:

Yes	4
No	0
Abs	0

Currently within NYC the covid-19 pandemic has caused many economic burdens on many in the areas of shelter, food and healthcare. New York state currently has two active eviction bans: The CDC eviction ban which prohibits landlords from evicting tenants before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The NYS Governor eviction which prohibits landlords from evicting tenants before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for nonpayment of rent. After these eviction orders have ended the city estimates there will be high amount of eviction orders and huge amount of housing court appearances for tenants and landlords.

The Chair introduces Jermaine Williams from the Department of Social Services. Mr. Williams states many are currently feeling the burden of Covid-19 and HRA is there to help in the areas of shelter, food and rent assistance. To apply for assistance HRA is encouraging the public to log on <https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/> . HRA will accept applications for help in the following areas:

- **Rent Assistance:** This assistance with monies to help pay back rent owed which will be paid directly to the landlord. Once apply and approved HRA will either provide a one-shot deal or a rent payment grant. The shot deal is a loan that must be repaid. The housing payment grant is monies that does not need to be repaid.

- SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program)- This is financial assistance provided by HRA that can only be used to buy food. If approved monies will be placed on a NYS benefit card monthly and the card is used like a debit card with a pin. the amount allocated each month is depending on family size and the income within the household.
- Medicaid: This medical assistance provided by HRA and NYS Department of Health. One can apply for Medicaid at HRA access or the NYS marketplace. Once approved one can choose what help plan, they need e.g. Healthfirst, Fidelis or UnitedHealthcare.

HRA applications approval depends on numerous factors such as:

- Household Income
- Household Size
- Immigration Status
- Other Resources (eg. family assistance, savings acct, checking acct, disability benefits or retirement benefits)

The Chair thanks all attendees for coming to the October HHSS Meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm.

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