

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2016
BOARD OFFICE AT 5676 RIVERDDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100**

PRESENT

Lenora Croft
Diomarys Escano
Steve Froot
Omar Murray
Karen Pesce
Dan Padernacht
Tao Moran
Osman Mariano
Brook Finkaistein

AFFILIATION

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RMHA
Neighbor

The Committee meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The Chair welcomed all in attendance, everyone introduced themselves.

Presentation: Osman Mariano, Program Director, of Riverdale Mental Health Association. Mr. Mariano discussed the Riverdale Mental Association's (RMHA) Bronx Crisis Respite Center (Bronx CRC). The Bronx CRC is a residence that provides individuals who are anticipating or experiencing psychiatric crisis a safe place to stay as an alternative to hospitalization. The Bronx CRC, located at 640 West 232nd Street, is a ten bed facility, offering temporary, 24/7 support by Peer specialist (individuals with lived experience with mental health issues). Bronx Respite is entirely free for guests, who are permitted to stay for up to seven days at the facility. Between July 2015 and June 2016, Bronx CRC had 226 guests. Guests are typically diverted by hospital Emergency room staff and service professionals to Bronx CRC, although walk-ins are welcome. Mr. Mariano indicated that future funding for Bronx CRC is a challenge as they have only received 50% of the funding needed to keep the program operational.

Chair's Report: Lenora Croft has contacted Lt. Torres who is trying to put together a Teen Suicide Prevention forum. The event should be widely publicized to all local middle and high schools. H. H. S. S. will consider inviting a speaker from RMHA and the N.Y.C. Board of Education to address school bullying and teen suicide. Additionally the forum should be considered being held at Kingsbridge Public Library.

Neighbors surrounding the Citadel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center have raised concerns over construction and noise in the area. Their issues will be addressed at December 19th 2016 H.H.S.S meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Diomarys Escano, H.H.S.S. Vice-chairman