

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21ST, 2010**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Maria Khury	Committee, Chair
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Steve Balicer	CB8
Beverly Fettman	CB8
Michael Heller	CB8
Joyce Pilsner	CB8
Martin Wolpoff	CB8
Conrad Meyer	Chair, Red Cross Bronx
Alan Muscatel	Community Committee Member
Alex Selby	Red Cross

1. Ms. Khury was praised and thanked for her leadership and accomplishments as Chair of the Committee. S. Froot, recently elected Chair, for 2010-11 was out of town. Ms. Khury committed to staying as a Committee Member.
2. The minutes of the meeting of May 17th were approved with 1 abstention by M. Wolpoff.
3. Regarding Terrace Health Care Center, the Committee decided prior to the Board meeting in June not to present a resolution. After several negotiations on the part of the Chair and Steven Froot St. Joseph's Hospital presented a letter of commitment to Ms. Khury and to the Chairmen of the two local organizations .this letter defined key concerns addressed by the Chair and Mr. Froot and the amendments of St. Joseph's and Terrace Health Care 1st proposal. This letter defined the changes which as agreed would best serve the interest of the community. Ms. Khury will send a letter to St. Joseph's Hospital and to Terrace Health Care Center acknowledging receipt of the letter but will make no further recommendations.
4. Health Care Forum: Steve Balicer reported. It will tentatively take place on October 13th. The aim is to provide information about Health Care Reform for the community. Congressman Eliot Engel will be asked to provide a staff member to speak. Speakers will also be requested from Medicare Rights Center, Insurance Underwriters and others. Michael Heller offered his assistance.
5. Health Fair featuring local providers is tentatively planned for the spring.
6. Regarding complaint about several local residences, Alan Muscatel reported there were only two residents in each of two apartments in two different buildings. He spoke to the supervisor and called the neighbor who complained. Neighbor was very appreciative.
7. The featured speakers at the meeting were Conrad Meyers, Chair, and Alex Selby, both of the Red Cross. They made an overall presentation on the history, purposes and services of the Red Cross and stressed the importance of having a personal/family disaster plan and emergency "go Bag" prepared. Over 90% of workers are volunteers. They have three vehicles in the Bronx and handle over 2,000 disasters per year. They're looking for a place at a reasonable or zero cost where their ambulance and vehicles will be better housed. They need more volunteers; they receive extensive training. The Committee encouraged them to reach out to local non-profit organizations. (Literature is available in the Board Office).

Approved by,
Maria M. Khury

Submitted by,
Joyce Pilsner