

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2013

PRESENT

Steve Froot
Michael Heller
Robert Fanuzzi
Sylvia Alexander
Beverly Fettman
Diane Lennon
Karen Pesce
Joyce Pilsner
Herb Young

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

Approval of minutes from last meeting, November 19, 2012. Before approving the minutes, the Chair mentioned his view that the committee is not prepared to host a running event per the presentation of Alec Diacou of Yes the Bronx, as presented at the November meeting. A discussion of his plan ensued. Mr. Froot proposed that the committee report to Alec Diacou that the committee would offer support and partnership to a prime partner. The committee voted to offer to provide support on a one time basis.

After further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention for lack of attendance.

Chair's report: Follow up to discussion of the committee conducting another forum, the **under-age drinking** topic. Sylvia Alexander reported on discussion with MS 141 staff on using their auditorium on a night the Riverdale Community Center is open. May or June would be the best times to do it. Further discussions are required. The community center at one time provided counseling but no longer does. Riverdale Mental Health may be interested in supplying a panel member, per contact by Joyce Pilsner. DOHMH may be interested in participating (re presentation to the Committee on Alco-pops). M. Heller offered to try to obtain an ER physician that deals with the issue. A brief discussion of the format took place, with five panelists thought to be ideal. A decision was made to shoot for a May forum at MS/HS 141 on a Tuesday night (when the center is open). Alternate sites were mentioned if the timing is not correct for 141, such as MS/HS 368.

New Business: Transportation Alternatives, NYCDOT and Parks has started a program called "Play Streets, which replicates old-time street play in specific locations. It looks like a street in Marble Hill is being looked at as a candidate. Mr. Froot is very supportive of the program.

Joyce Pilsner mentioned that an urgent care center has opened in the Skyview Shopping Center, and staff would be invited to make a presentation at a future meeting.

Mike Heller suggested that representatives of Montefiore's Accountable Care Organization (ACO) come to a future meeting to make a presentation, and explain how it will interface with the Affordable Care Act. The creation of exchanges can also be discussed at what could be a more robust committee meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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The **next meeting** will take place on Thursday, February 7, 2012, 7:30 pm at the Schervier Apartments.

Prepared by Michael Heller, Vice Chair
Approved by Steven Froot, Chair
Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee