

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**  
**Bronx Community Board No. 8**  
**Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee**  
**Held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00pm**  
**Via Zoom Conference Call**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Omar Murray	Chair – Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Sebastian Chittilappilly	CB8- Committee Member
Steve Froot	CB8- Committee Member
Robert Kaplan	CB8- Committee Member
Karen Pesce	CB8- Committee Member

**Absent:**

<b>Guest (s):</b>	
David Gellman	Chair, CB8-Budget Committee
Miryam Rabner	Community Resident

The Committee meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm. The Chair opens with welcoming all to the March 2022 HHSS Committee meeting. The meeting discussion will be based on Capital and expense budget request for the fiscal year 2022. Each fiscal year Bronx Community Boards makes budget requests to the city for their respective communities based on assessment and the needs of community. Public hearings are also held to give the public an opinion on budget items.

Below is a breakdown of the request that was discussed and will be submitted to the Budget chair for Executive and board discussions.

**HHSS Committee Expense Budget Request**

<b>FY 2024 Ranking</b>	<b>Bronx CB8 FY2024 Initial Expense Budget Requests</b>	<b>FY23 Ranking</b>
3.	<b>HHSS- NYDOHMH- Protective Medical Supplies</b> – Provided increase funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizers, gloves and masks to combat a future outbreak of the coronavirus (covid-19) or another communicable virus. These supplies would be distributed to the public to reduce the spread of another outbreak.	
2.	<b>HHSS- DSS/HRA- Counselling Services</b> – Provided funding for counseling services for those affected by covid-19, domestic violence, and other mental health problems. This requests is design to increase counselling service staff for suicide prevention hotlines and other mental health professional.	

1.	<b>HHSS- NYPD-Domestic Violence Unit:</b> Provide increase funding for the domestic violence unit within the NYPD 50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct to combat domestic violence with CB8. The funding should be used to have community workshops to educate residents about the warning signs of domestic violence, the lists of shelters available to victims, how to obtain protective orders and counseling services available.	
4.	<b>HHSS- DOHMH/NYSDOH –</b> Provide additional funding for covid-19 home test kits to help decrease the covid-19 infection rate within CB8 and to assist decreasing clinic and hospital visits.	
5.	<b>HHSS- Mayors Office for Community Affairs- City Wide Health Advisory Board –</b> Provide funding for a citywide advisory board which can be comprised of residents and community health professionals. The board shall task with providing advice to NYS Department of Health and DOHMH how to combat a future communicable virus outbreak and also provide a needs and assessment report concerning the needs of the community that is experiencing an outbreak.	

The goal is to be prepared for another increase of covid-19 by ensuring the community has enough information and access to vaccinations and testing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Recorded and Submitted By  
Omar Murray