

Bronx Community Board 8
Aging Committee Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023
via Zoom

Committee Members Present

Lee Chong
Lisa Daub, Chair
Margaret Donato
Myra Joyce, Vice Chair
Rita Pochter-Lowe

Committee Members Absent: G. Santiago

Guests: Herb Barrett, Andria Cassidy (RSS), Julie Dalton (RSS), Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Judith Green, Joseph Hickman, Barbara Kail, Selina Ng (RSS), Miryam Rabner (MJHS), Margie Schustack (RSS), Adam Staropoli (CM Dinowitz Office), Cesar Tobar (KHCC),

Chair Lisa Daub called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1. Introductions - Committee Members and Guests
2. Topic: Age in Place NYC Legislative Package - Council Member Eric Dinowitz

CM Dinowitz discussed the legislative proposals, that can be grouped around diversity, housing, and other:

- a. Diversity in the Older Adult Community
NYC Aging (DFTA) will conduct a survey to determine ethnicity and language needs in older adult centers to create culturally relevant programs. If 20% or more of older adults have a language other than English as their primary language, some programs must be conducted in that language. This is to make sure that meetings and events are inclusive of everyone. (672-passed); Mandate training to service providers every three years on LGBTQ+ to improve quality of life (623).
- b. Housing
Entitle New Yorkers age 60+ facing eviction in housing court to legal representation at no cost as right to counsel (673-passed); Require that universal design features are incorporated in new housing projects that receive city financial assistance (676-passed); Create an online system to apply for, renew and check status of SCRIE and DRIE program applications (255).
- c) Other
DFTA to create a Know Your Rights brochure in multiple languages on diverse subjects (674-passed); Telemedicine accessibility plan (675); DFTA & Doltt to create a digital literacy training program for older adults (665) and help avoid scams;

Laws passed by the City Council now need Mayor's signature. During Q&A, CM Dinowitz replied to question on how to get involved and suggested that people attend and testify at hearings and write to the Mayor's office. He also encourages Older Adult Centers to apply for discretionary funding

3. Chairperson's Report

NYC Aging – new Prism system and consent forms

Survey from New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) – a needs assessment for Aging Well in the Bronx. Encourage older adults to complete the survey online or on paper for this age friendly initiative. (online survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))

4. Community / Service Provider Updates

RSS is hosting online discussion tonight with speaker Bobbie Sackman regarding Fair Pay for Homecare – to advocate in NYS.

Suggestion from community to include ESL for older adults at Centers.

5. Expense Budget Requests

Chair reviewed Agency responses to our FY24 budget requests.

Discussed what we want to keep, eliminate and add to our FY25 budget requests. Our top 3 requests will likely remain and we will finalize at March meeting. Suggestion to baseline some items that are currently covered through annual discretionary funding.

6. Approval of Aging Committee Minutes: January 9, 2022

Approve: 5 (L. Daub, M. Joyce, M. Donato, R. Pochter-Lowe, L. Chong)

Abstain: 0, Opposed: 0

7. Outstanding Business / New Business (none)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Prepared by Myra Joyce

Submitted by Lisa Daub