

Minutes of Aging Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8
Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm
Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

Committee Board Members in Attendance (4): Barbara Kail (Chair), Jyll Townes (ADA zoom) Georgia Santiago (ADA zoom), Lee Chong, zoom

Other Board Members and Staff (1): Jaylyn Adorno

Community Committee Members (CCM) (3): E. Doyle McCarthy, CCM; Aubrey Balcolm representing River Springs, Sharon Asherman representing Riverdale Y, Merritt Claude, CCM

Community Guest: Lili Lopez (Center for Independent Disabled NY), Alexis Rummey, Sephanie Coggins, DePrator

Barbara Kail opened the meeting at 4:04

Each participant introduced him/herself and where applicable described the services provided by the organizations they represent.

Aubrey Balcolm will be leading a walk leaving from 242nd street subway stops so that members of the community can meet each other informally. He is waiting for RFPs to be published now that the mayor's budget has been released.

Roll call: a quorum was met.

Approval of April Committee minutes with a few editorial changes. Approved

Chairs Report. I have been thinking about a Beta test for our Older Adult Resource Guide to be done over the summer

Old Business:

These are some of the criteria we might consider

- Accuracy of information.
- Ease of navigation
- What they expected was missing

Perhaps we might pose a specific scenario and ask the respondent to use the manual to find resources. We might give each respondent only one category of services to consider.

There was some discussion about whether to call and collect their reaction or have them fill out a questionnaire. The anonymity of a questionnaire may lead to more accurate

responses. Calling may lead to a better response rate. Do both? Perhaps we can call those who don't return the questionnaire. Protocols for both would need to be developed, and an introduction to explain our purpose and increase willingness to participate. We also spoke of a subsequent zoom meeting to gather impressions. These might be the same people who responded earlier or a different group.

We spoke of recruiting respondents— maybe 2 each. Different types of potential users should be included. Among them: different types of professionals working in diverse settings within the field. Older adults in the community, caregivers of older adults. Perhaps each of us might recruit two or three people. These settings were mentioned

- Riverdale Y
- Amalgamated Housing
- RiverSpring
- St Margaret
- Residents of Riverwalk
- MD office

Timeline: We would like to wrap up by October. We should have completed the protocol and then identify participants in July and August collect data in September and zoom shortly after that Jyll Townes offered to be involved in creating Beta testing.

New Business:

Lily Lopez is putting together resource listing of museums which she will share with us.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kail, Chair