Pending Committee Approval

Minutes of Aging Committee – Bronx Community Board 8
Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.
Bronx Community Board 8 Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471
Meeting Recording

Board Members in Attendance (6): Barbara Kail Chair, Aubrey Balcolm, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Merritt Claude, Jyll Townes, Georgia Santiago (Z - ADA)

Community Committee Members in Attendance (2): E. Doyle McCarthy, Sharon Asherman representing Riverdale Y

Community Committee Members Absent (1): Miryam Rabner

Guest: Alexis Rummey, Jane Tom

Staff: Jaylyn Adorno

Barbara Kail opened the meeting at 4:05

Each participant introduced him/herself and where applicable described the services provided by the organizations they represent.
Jane Tom joined us. She has a consulting practice on aging in place, informed by her years as an occupational therapist.
Joy Campbell Priveterre noted her years of experience providing palliative care to her family.
E. Doyle McCarthy reported she is actively engaged in efforts to revive the Kappock Street/Knolls Crescent shopping area.
Aubrey Balcolm reported on several new initiatives at RiverSpring including the capable program and an NCOA grant to support fall prevention.

Roll call:

A quorum of at least 3 Board members was met.

Aubrey Balcolm has accepted the position as Vice Chair along with Jyll Townes.

May Committee minutes approved unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Our first goal for the year is completing the Older Resource Guide. I spent several hours with Jaylyn Adorno reviewing the Older Adult Resource Guide, adding descriptions to the services offered. Next, we need to pilot it. Aubrey also reminded us of plans we had discussed to distribute it.

Unfinished Business:

We considered whether the Guide is to be organized alphabetically or by potential frequency of use. Ultimately, we decided to leave it alphabetically. We considered a possible questionnaire to measure the usefulness of the pilot. Jill Townes suggested a section on retirement and end of life planning. Sharon Asherman noted that there are really two different audiences, a younger group in their sixties and early seventies and an older group. Two groups of users with different needs. For now, we will focus on an audience of the older group.

New Business:

We had a resolution supporting NYC workers who want to maintain their Medicaid part B. The committee will work on getting a copy of that and get a new resolution out there.

Aubry mentioned BRYA, a start-up that uses AI to connect people at the community level. It might be of interest to the Committee for a future presentation.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 8, at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kail, Chair