

**Minutes of Aging Committee – Bronx Community Board 8
Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.**

Bronx Community Board 8 Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/EqMffkxixUo?si=MsGKvQ9uxlwSsOAm>

Committee Members in Attendance (3): Barbara Kail (Vice Chair), Georgia Santiago, E Doyle McCarthy (Community Committee Member)

Absent Committee Members (1): Mary Ellen Gibbs (Chair)

Community Board 8 Guests: Julie Reyes (Chairperson, Bronx CB8), Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager), Ardy Malziu (Community Coordinator), Jaylyn Adorno (Intern)

Guest Attendees: Cecilie Mendez (Neighborhood SHOPP), Sharon Ascherman (Riverdale Y), Maria Perez (Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation)

B. Kail called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. A roll call was announced. A quorum was present.

Presentation by Neighborhood SHOPP

Cecilie Mendez presented a [PowerPoint presentation](#) on services provided by Neighborhood SHOPP, a multiservice agency for older adults and their families in the Bronx. Services are provided based on a philosophy of self-help and empowerment. Agency goals include increasing awareness of abuse, strengthening collaborative networks within the community and connecting older persons with victim assistance services.

Services include:

- Community Care Network Program
- NY Connects of the Bronx (accessing NYC services.)
- Several Older Adult Centers
- Case Management and friendly visiting
- Caregivers program support and respite services
- Lafayette Estates NORC Program

The presentation focused on their Violence Intervention Program, created to address the survivors of elder abuse and victims of financial crimes in the Bronx. Services include: outreach; crisis intervention; referrals; case assistance; supportive counseling; advocacy; security planning including help with Orders of Protection and safety lock installation.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025 & April 10, 2025:

Minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously. Minutes of April 10, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously with the addition of the word “to” under the discussion of transportation.

In Favor (3): B. Kail, G. Santiago, E. McCarthy

Opposed (0) Abstentions (0)

FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

This last change will be reflected in our ongoing discussion of transportation-related priorities.

We may include all priorities submitted. Requests submitted by RiverSpring were also submitted to the NYC Council in a less detailed manner.

All requests were submitted, reviewed and ranked as follows:

FY 2027 Ranking	EXPENSE
1	<p>AGING – DFTA – Funding for Transportation for Older Adult Centers</p> <p>Providing client transportation for our local older adult centers: Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center, Riverdale Senior Services</p>
2	<p>AGING – DFTA – Riverdale Y NORC Lunch Program</p> <p>\$35,000 – Cover increases in per meal costs</p>
3	<p>AGING – DFTA – RiverSpring Living Elder Justice and Scam Prevention Program</p> <p>\$250,000 – Implement scam prevention toolkit developed by Weinberg Center for Elder Justice with key partners (e.g. family justice center, council offices, community boards) across the city.</p>
4	<p>AGING – DFTA – Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) Social Adult Day Care</p> <p>\$250,000 – Renew and build capacity of adult program for memory loss: 1) Serve more people with advancing memory loss, Alzheimer’s, dementia (Current participants 150) providing a social model adult day program designed to reduce isolation, loneliness, boredom, depression; 2) Provide a caregiver support group.</p>

