

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 29, 2014 AT
RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Karen Pesce	CB8 Committee Chair
Lisa Daub	CB8 Vice Chair
Anthony Creaney	CB8
Beverly Fettman	CB8
Marvin Goodman	CB8
Irving Ladimer	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Manfred Segal	Community Committee member
Constance Segal	AARP
Larcenia Walton	Director of Senior Services, Bronx Borough President's Office
Sharon Asherman	Riverdale YM/YWHA
Barbara Clark	Riverdale Housing for the Elderly
Bayla Butler	Ampark NORC
Myositis Vargas	Ft. Independence Senior Center

1. Minutes of previous meeting, joint with Traffic & Transportation, with the additions of L. Daub, M. Goodman, B. Fettman also attending. Approved as corrected.

Speaker, Larcenia Walton, Director of Senior Services, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s Office: DFTA isn't expected to have any financial cuts in upcoming year. Ruben Diaz's office funds approximately 99 senior organizations with modest grants after request and review by Larcenia's office. The City Council determines how much money is available to the Borough Presidents. Services to this office are available for those 62 years +. Bronx Borough President doesn't provide weekend meals to Seniors but that program is being considered by the City Council. Larcenia's office does considerable work with constituents on issues including SCRIE, evictions, STAR and housing, the latter the most difficult issue with a 4-5 year wait list. SCRIE eligibility has now increased to \$50,000. EPIC eligibility has now been increased to \$75,000. The Borough President's office has a resource directory which is being updated; some of its listings might be included in our CB8 project. It was suggested our committee join forces with BRICCA. Questions: was there a survey on Meals on Wheels usage which reportedly is underutilized? Uncertain. Are there intergenerational programs? Yes, a couple each year. Why is there no Bronx rep from DFTA? Karen Resnick will be contacted about that question. Ft. Independence Senior Center isn't funded by DFTA; is that because it's located in NYCHA building? Number of participants may be the reason. Ft. Independence has a computer lab but no one to staff it. The oates program was suggested but it may require funding. A complaint was made about wait time for access a ride. Details should be sent to Larcenia. DYCD is no longer serving this area. Requests for funding should be made to Larcenia's office on organization letterhead, be a 501c3 and listed with the charities board.

2. Budget priorities

- Need to continue mental health services which are a great need; Riverdale Mental Health has a wait list
- Senior Adult Day Care Centers require the client, older or disabled, have (and bring) their home attendant
- Caregiver support: standards in place for selection/monitoring caregiver but not enforced
- Telehealth programs: some programs are utilizing but there was no local interest in implementing and request will be dropped
- Computer equipment and instruction for older homebound seniors was recommended

At next meeting Expense items will be reviewed and prioritized.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 3:30 PM, Location to be announced.

Submitted by:

Karen Pesce, Chairperson
Aging Committee