

**MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
AGING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005**

**PRESENT:**

Karen Pesce  
Manfred Segal  
Anne Patterson  
Anthony Creaney  
Peggy Drum  
Ceil Gordet

**AFFILIATION**

CB #8 Committee Chairperson  
Riverdale AARP  
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Community Committee Member  
The Jewish Home and Hospital  
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**1. Minutes: approved as submitted**

**2. Chairperson's Report**

a. Housing proposal submitted by Jewish Home and Hospital is reportedly not in Community Board No. 8 and will require no action.

b. Attorney General Spitzer's office has developed a booklet, "Planning Your Health Care in Advance" which will be distributed at the May seminar.

c. Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate, has developed "Senior's Guide to Prescription Drug Plans in NYC;" distributed to attendees for review. Also presented for review: "From Low Service to No Service, How the City Fails Elderly Low-Income Renters."

d. Committee resolution supporting traffic study in areas frequented by older adults and mobility impaired was passed at Board meeting 4/05. Petition in support of the NY City Council Bill will be distributed by this committee to agencies/housing locations with the identified populations.

e. Ombudsman presentation: a speaker was unavailable for April and could be scheduled for either June or September, 2005. Chair will contact.

f. Weekend meal service: No report on potential cooperation for food delivery by Marble Hill program and BJCC; M. Segal will follow-up.

g. Budget Priorities for FY 2007 presented and adopted without changes.

**3. Agency Reports**

a. Jewish Home and Hospital: addition to name adopted recently to identify other programs offered by the organization. Cindy Cain is replacement for Vicki Green at Kittay House. C. Gordet offered books for library at latter facility.

b. AARP: to achieve medication affordability for senior citizens. There is a proposal for "mass purchasing" with Medicare and Epoch coordination when the proposal goes into effect, 1/06. Pharmacies will be required to have marketing disclosures with price lists for medication posted. To protect cell phone users, there needs to be identification of service charges. Home improvement contracts which are vague and have limited enforcement require legislation to protect the client.

c. Committee attendee, A. Creaney, AARP and neighborhood: benches need to be added to bus stop areas.

d. C. Gordet, Assoc. of Riverdale Co-ops: co-ops are continuing to collect emergency contact information to be available to co-op management/superintendents.

**NEXT MEETING:** HEALTHCARE CHOICES: Staying in Charge 5/17/05, 2:00 p.m., Riverdale Presbyterian Church, sponsored by the Aging Committee with cooperation from the Northwest Bronx Council on Aging.

June/2005 meeting to be scheduled.

Submitted by  
K. Pesce, Chairperson  
Aging Committee

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