

**MINUTES FROM THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005 AT THE
CLASSIC RESIDENCE BY HYATT**

PRESENT:	AFFILIATION
Karen Pesce	Committee Chairperson CB #8
Anthony Creaney	CB #8
Carol Hendricks	CB #8
Irving Ladimer	CB#8
Sue Tozzi	BJCC
Ann Patterson	AARP
Sue Lobel	Classic Residence by Hyatt
Ceil Gordet	ARC
Manfred Segal	AARP
Constance Segal	AARP
Joe Facciola	NYC Dept. For The Aging

1. Introduction of participants
2. Minutes of previous meeting corrected to read: non-Kosher meals are catered by Whitsons, Gun Hill Road; there may be a change with Bruno's doing non-Kosher and Meal Mart providing Kosher.
3. Speaker, Sue Lobel on Regulations for Assisted Living:
 - a) Current Certification categories: Assisted Living Residence; Enhanced Assisted Living Residence; Special Needs Assisted Living Residence.
 - b) Regulations apply to residences housing 5 or more people living under the same roof. Under EALR, the requirements are at least 3.75 hours/week of care. Classic Residence by Hyatt policy provides up to 12 hours of service from licensed personnel to qualify for this type of program. Organizations identifying themselves as Assisted Living and without licensure may be fined.
 - c) Long Term Care Insurance may become available for assisted living. Cost of insurance may be partially tax deductible for medical staff assistance.
 - d) No direct hospital affiliation is connected with the living arrangement. If life threatening situation occurs; the resident will be taken to the closest hospital.
4. Joe Facciola of DFTA: his agency is trying to assist with Medicare Part D choices. Medicare recipients must choose a plan by 5/06. With questions, contact 311. Aging in America has provided training funds for service providers and recipients, locally, Riverdale Senior Services Center.
5. Other
 - a) Identity Theft, 11/29/05
 - b) Thank you to Schervier Apartments, Ann Frey, Tenant Service Coordinator for gathering lots of petition signatures to identify senior crossing areas and need for motorists to slow down.
 - c) Geriatric Mental Health Alliance of New York, best practices presentation in Geriatric Mental Health: Treating Frontline Workers on Chinese Mental Health. Tuesday, December 13, contacting Visiting Nurse Service of New York: 212-614-5753.
 - d) Annual Mayoral Conference on Alzheimer's disease. November dates.
 - e) Hurricanes and coastal storms, new emergency guide: READY NEW YORK for seniors and people with disabilities; more info from DFTA, 311.
 - f) Bronx-Lebanon Special Care Facility has a long term care facility, affiliated with Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center: 718-579-7000.

Next meeting Tuesday December 20th, (not previous week as identified due to conflict with Community Board meeting), 3:30 PM at Riverdale Housing For the Elderly, 6477 Broadway, where it intersects with Mosholu, street parking.

Submitted by
Karen Pesce, Chairperson
Aging Committee