

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2008
AT RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
6377 BROADWAY**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Bob Abbott
Tom Durham
Tracy Feerick
Beverly Fettman
Irving Ladimer
Ceil Gordet
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal
Sue Tozzi

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1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.
2. River Terrace: representative unavailable, but discussion centered on need for subsidies for those whose "homes" are assisted living facilities. Medicaid isn't accepted in other assisted living housing.

Moved and passed unanimously to support the concept of allowing Medicaid recipients to reside in River Terrace.

3. Old Business:
 - a. Services for disabled, includes those under the age identified as "seniors," need to be expanded.
4. New Business:
 - a. Bronx Borough President Carrion's funding of senior citizen programs was discussed. The Committee's budget priorities were discussed with the reminder that agencies' timely receipt of allocated DFTA funds be monitored. Planning for 2010 budget priorities should begin early; need to be submitted by June 2008.
 - b. Directory of services for seniors: last updated by BRICA several years ago. Karen Pesce will contact DFTA, CB8, offices of Bronx Borough President Carrion, Councilman Koppell and Assemblyman Dinowitz, BRICA, Public Advocate to determine the availability and whether there's need to update. Abbott is interested in working on the project. Directory could be linked to CB8's website.

- c. Add to Aging Committee mailing list: Pat O'Malley, Riverdale Senior Services; Nadine Baker, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Schervier Nursing Care Center; Rosemarie Cortez, Allen Pavilion.

5. Agency Reports:

- a. BJCC: has submitted RFP for case management which is being consolidated in the Bronx from 5 to 3. New contract begins June 2008 but no contracts have been awarded. There is now a wait list for home care (personal care and cleaning); this includes those requesting increased hours or initiation of service. No additional clients have been added since October 2007.
- b. I. Ladimer: will write legislative proposal on reimbursing family members who are caregivers. Schervier has support program for caregivers. Riverdale Senior Services has begun evening programs. There is no legal requirement for physicians to report evidence of physical abuse to senior citizens.
- c. AARP: legislation has been re-introduced after passage by Assembly but not Senate, relating to bringing together disparate interests for health and economic interests of older adults. Campaign to education is called "Divided We Fall." Associate Director of AARP will speak February 13, 2008, 12:30 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Nearly 1/6th of GDP is spent on health services.
- d. T. Feerick: Peapod delivers groceries in this area; \$10 delivery charge on orders \$50-100. Provider is Stop & Shop.
- e. T. Durham: need to encourage attendance by area senior facilities/programs. Reporting on EMS: there are nine ambulances stationed in CB8.
- f. C. Gordet, ARC: seniors travel free on mass transit in CT.

Next meeting: February 26, 2008; location to be announced. Speaker re: shuttle bus proposal in the area to be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pesce, Chair
Aging Committee

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