

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28TH, 2008 AT THE RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Thomas Durham
Beverly Fettman
Irving Ladimer
Bayla Butler

Judy Guariglia

Yanet Hernandez
Marlene Procino
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB#8
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Amalgamated Park-Reservoir
Housing
VNSNY

RAIN Multi Services
Methodist Church Home
Riverdale AARP
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1. Minutes of previous meeting corrected to indicate attendance by I. Ladimer.
2. Speaker, Yanet Hernandez of RAIN. Every transferred client from previous Case Management providers is being contacted. RAIN is hiring two new case managers; there are five new staff members. There is no wait list for delivered meals; there is a wait list for DFTA funded home care. There is a ten business day turnaround from time of application to enrollment in services. Eighty to Ninety people a month are applying in areas serving Community Board's 7, 8, 11, 12. Services are provided to those who are homebound or have difficulty leaving their homes independently, including shopping and accompanying to medical appointments. Director is Elizabeth Baria; website is RAIN Inc. organization. Volunteers are needed.
3. Agency/Individual Reports
 - a. Irving Ladimer, Bronx Community Board 8 re: funding for caregivers. Irving will be in touch with Assemblyman Dinowitz to identify definitions for caregivers and recipients for future legislation. New York State at this time isn't willing to put money into the potential program. RAIN has family caregiver program where recipients can select either family caregiver program or Medicaid for home services. There is potential for abuse.
 - b. Schervier has caregivers' support program for those caring for dementia people and those not eligible for free programs. Didn't receive grant for the program. Other caregivers program is funded until the end of 2008, to be followed up by St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, as resources allow. Schervier has a 32 person cardiopulmonary unit for those who are recovering from heart attack.
 - c. Tom Durham, Bronx Community Board 8 re: fraudulent parking tickets. Older adults in the community reported the inappropriate/falsified tickets at Netherland and Riverdale Avenues. Seems to be targeted areas. Those who have received fraudulent tickets

should contact Tony Cassino, Chair of Traffic and Transportation Committee:
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- d. AARP: Initiatives are limited at this time; plan is to work for overall healthcare and financial security as future agenda items.
- e. Almalgamated Park Reservoir Housing: offering flu shots, aquatic exercise in conjunction with YM/YWHA. With 2000 plus residents in Almalgamated Housing, services including programs for those 60years + with case management, case aid, friendly visiting funded by NYS/NYC.
- f. Visiting Nurse Service: Serves people of all ages. November is Homecare month. A program at Allen Pavilion, November 10th thru November 13th will provide blood pressure screening and other services for older adults. Free program.
- g. Beverly Fettman : Transportation vouchers to supplement Access-a-Ride are needed. She's contacted MTA and will report back.
- h. Methodist Church Home for Aged: Sponsors outreach programs for people of all ages, including lectures, art classes, holistic medicine info, days and evenings. Facility has new rehab center with state of the art equipment to provide short term rehab for those who plan to return home. Long term care also available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 25th, 2008 at 3:30 PM at the Methodist Church Home for Aged, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway, Bronx NY, (718) 548-5100.

Submitted by,

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KP:db (October 30, 2008)