

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 20, 2018 AT
FORT INDEPENDENCE SENIOR CENTER**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce
I.W. Stone
Raidiris Dominguez
Maritza Ortiz
Miryam Rabner
Rosemarie Walker

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
CB8 Committee Member
Neighborhood SHOPP/NY Connects
MMCC – Ft Independence Senior Center
MJHS Hospice – Zicklin Residence
Neighborhood SHOPP/NY Connects

Not Present:

Irving Ladimer
Rita Pochter Lowe
Georgia Santiago
Sharon Asherman
Francine Scherer

CB8 Committee Member
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Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Committee Member, Resident

The meeting commenced at 3:15 PM

Introductions

Participants introduced themselves. Chair thanked our host, Maritza Ortiz at Fort Independence Senior Center and welcomed our speakers from Neighborhood SHOPP. The organization provides several services and is the Bronx link for NY Connects to Choices for Long Term Services and Supports. The Deputy Director could not attend, but we are pleased that Ms. Walker and Ms. Dominguez could join us.

Topic – NY Connects – Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

Ms. Walker and Ms. Dominquez explained that LTSS is designed to keep people of all ages safe and healthy in the community. The agency covers the entire Bronx and sees people in their office and when necessary, in their home. There is a language line for translations. Hours are standard 9-5 weekdays with 7pm closing on Wednesdays. Over 400 calls are taken each month. LTSS serves people at all ages and income levels. There is no fee for their service.

Services for people with disabilities and older adults are wide-ranging - connecting people based on their individual needs to various types of support services, answering questions and assisting with benefit applications. This may include MLTC, legal resources, Medicare, housing, caregiver needs, guardianship, transportation, accessibility, personal care, wellness activities, etc.. Counselors often become advocates to straighten out problems. Housing assistance is most difficult to due to high cost and low availability. LTSS counselors answer questions from professionals as well as from individuals in the community.

Minutes

Deferred approval of December 19th and January 16th minutes pending quorum

New Business & Updates – from Chair

- Community Service Awards – Nominations are due by March 30th
- Legislative Updates of interest – (moved to committees):
 - Improve safety at pedestrian crossings [0104-2018]
 - Require traffic calming devices adjacent to senior centers and NORCs [0331-2018]
 - Require owners to inform city before evicting elderly tenants [0006-2018]
- On March 16th, the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) Council of the NYS Department of Health approved conditional Certificate of Authority for RiverSpring/Hebrew Home's CCRC. Several conditions. No building will commence on Phase II (south property) due to pending matters. With this approval, CCRC can start accepting deposits for River Edge independent living units. CCRC is financially viable without Phase II development

Expense Budget FY2020

Participants reviewed agencies' response to FY2019 requests and Initial thoughts on FY2020 requests and/or referrals to city agencies for action. This discussion will continue in our April meeting

Old Business - None

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 17th at 3:30 PM. Location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub
Chair, Aging Committee