

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25TH, 2011 AT RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY 6477 BROADWAY

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Tom Durham
Beverly Fettman
Kay Boonshoft
Baya Butler
Nancy D'Auria
Joseph Facciola
Marvin Goodman
Kathy Gorup
Kristen Greenwald
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal
Judy Uman
Nancy

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB#8
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Jewish Home Lifecare
BJCC & Ampark NORC
Hebrew Home
DFTA
Riverdale Senior Center
Classic Residence in Yonkers
Hudson Pointe
AARP, Riverdale
AARP, Riverdale
Bronx Jewish Community Council
Elderserve

Excused: B. Abbott, A. Creaney, G. Santiago

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Speaker, Joe Facciola of Department for the Aging (DFTA), Associate Program Director. Joe was previously our liaison with DFTA and, since his promotion, there hasn't been a posting to fill his position. There is a New Freedom grant from NYC Department of Transportation for additional transportation for older adults, one of this Committee's budget requests. In July, 2010 forty-six senior centers were closed, most of them with part-time programs. DFTA had tried to arrange transportation for participants in closed programs to other larger programs. Seventeen of the closed programs were restored.

People served in Senior Centers (44-68%, depending on the Center) were 85 years+. Bronx has lowest income in the state; in Community Board 8's Centers, 25% reported income under \$10,000/yr. and 50% refused to respond. Poorer communities seem to participate more in Senior Center programs, most likely for meal programs. Mayor Bloomberg has committed money for innovative Senior Centers. Discretionary funding from NYC City Council is slow to be dispersed.

3. Agency/Individual Reports

- a. Classic Residence: they are partnering with Riverdale YMHA to do Sweet Treats, chocolate designs at the Y, to increase interaction with the community.
- b. Elderserve: a program, "Treat Me, Not My Age, will be presented by Mark Lachs, a geriatrician.

- c. BJCC: a mammography screening will be done 3/3. BJCC still provides social worker visits including housing issues and contact with the Emergency Rent Coalition, but not case management and meals. Contact Judy Uman, Director of Social Services, 718-652-5500.
- d. Jewish Home: NYS Department of Health for Medicaid has office on its campus. Sec. 202 housing opened in Weinberg Gardens next to Kittay House.
- e. Goodman: members of his professional group could be a resource; contact goodmarv@gmail.com SCRIE program is available for those needing financial assistance with heating expenses.
- f. Hudson Pointe At Riverdale: "Cardiac Disease and Prevention" will be presented 2/15/11, 9AM by a cardiology group. Participants suggested contact groups which might be interested.
- g. CB 8 Housing Chair: speculators are hoping to buy apartments to interrupt sales to individuals. The Department of Housing Preservation is involved since this type of activity often involves low upkeep of the property.
- h. AARP: planned is a rebate of \$250 for those in doughnut hole of Medicare Part D. Cost of drugs is expected to increase. Enrollment period for Medicare changes ended 12/31. Begun 1/1/11, preventive care is exempt from deductions. AARP is working on health care fraud program which is costing \$100 billion. A speaker will present on the issue 2/16/11 at the Riverdale Presbyterian church.
- i. I. Ladimer: Riverdale Senior Services is working with Kiwanis on an intergenerational program involving 25 youngsters; they plan to meet at holiday intervals. Irving Ladimer will be honored 2/20/11 for a Lifetime Achievement Award at CSAIR, 475 W. 250th, 10:30AM; cost \$18. Schervier is planning a gala in May. Suggestion: consider a community program for caregivers and or disabled to increase Committee recognition.

Submitted by:

Karen Pesce
Chairperson

Next Meeting: Tues, 2/22/11, 3:30PM; location TBA

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