

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 27, 2012
AT THE RIVERDALE SENIOR SERVICES
2600 NETHERLAND AVENUE**

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Karen Pesce	Committee Chair, CB8
Anthony Creaney	CB8
Marvin Goodman	CB8
Irving Ladimer	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Robert Ackerson	Riverdale Senior Center
Sharon Asherman	Riverdale YMHA
Merri Buckstone	Jewish Home Lifecare
Greg Poole-Dayan	Schervier Nursing Care Center
Katie Dedde	Hebrew Home at Riverdale
Betsy Lampl	Riverdale Senior Services
Melissa Prieto	Hudson Pointe
Joan Rehm	Hebrew Home at Riverdale
Alvin Shatkin	Riverdale Senior Center
Cliff Stanton	
Regina Wallace	Hebrew Home at Riverdale

1. Minutes of prior meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Speaker: Regina Wallace of Hebrew Home. River Terrace, 3247 Johnson Avenue, Bronx had been a private pay independent living facility owner, operated by Hebrew Home. After being closed for several years, it is now being converted to a HUD Sec. 202 housing facility for seniors 62 years and older with income guidelines (\$29050, one person; \$33020, two people). 30% of income is expected to be used for rent with lesser amount if resident(s) require attendants. If income rises above guidelines, seniors would pay market rate. Residents pay their own utilities/telephone. With 58 units, expected to open in May, 2012; units will be one bedroom with living room, kitchen and bathroom. Some are being developed for those with visual and physical special needs. All will have emergency call system. There are public areas for activities but no meal service. A live-in Super will be present and during daytime hours there will be 2 additional staff people. There is no on site medical service but there are affiliations with NY Hospital System, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

The application process is now closed with 400 applications selected by lottery. After screening for income eligibility, there will be interview, credit check and home visit to applicant's current home.

3. Agency reports

- a. AARP is seeking continuation of funding for all programs serving seniors.
- b. YMHA's new director of the Senior Center is Sharon Asherman, formerly of Washington Heights YMHA. There is a social model daycare program (no medical services) with scholarships available. Silver Sneakers program is in operation.
- c. Jewish Home Lifecare: there are 200+ independent living units and some short term "try-out" apartments available. Kosher-style meals are available. Currently there is a medical model daycare on site. Under construction with anticipated completion in 17-18 months, is an assisted living facility for 72 residents. There is a closed waiting list for all buildings.
- d. Schervier: there are 364 skilled nursing beds and 2 rooms for short term respite; Kosher style meals are available. In the apartment building there are 174 HUD (subsidized) units. Schervier is doing outreach programs with youth food markets.
- e. Riverdale Senior Services: Seder service will be 3/29/12, 11:30-1:30. Resident artist, Anytona, an opera singer, will present 4/10. A ten week computer course including social networking will begin 4/17 in collaboration with OATS, an IT nonprofit. Shatkin will be available for one on one instruction with fees donated to RSS programs. RSS is working to cooperate with Westchester VNS to monitor blood pressure from home, reducing need for professional nursing visits.
- f. Classic Residence: independent and assisted living apartments are available. An Alzheimer Support Group has begun (see last month's minutes).
- g. C. Stanton: PS 24 parent group is looking for affiliating school to develop intergenerational programs.
- h. I. Ladimer: Mt. Sinai Hospital is working on a cognitive improvement program using computer access either at home or through other location. I. Ladimer received an American Bar Association grant to provide a program teaching the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- i. M. Goodman: recommended a program relating to identity theft.
- j. Hudson Pointe-Riverdale: partnering with Van Cortlandt Senior Center for programming. Blood pressure screening 4/27 at 10AM; other health screening will be done in April.

4. Budget requests, 2014

Reviewed prior years budget requests which included mental health services (requested for renewal by Riverdale Mental Health), maintaining senior centers in accessible locations for communal dining, social services, health including mental health, recreational programs; support of telehealth programs for remote monitor of

health issues; maintaining senior transportation programs with funding for drivers and vehicle upkeep; provide social adult daycare programs.

Participants were asked to poll their constituency re: other needs, expense items in preparation for finalizing budget requests in April-May meetings.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 3:30PM, Atria Riverdale

Submitted by:

Karen Pesce, Chairperson
Aging Committee