

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2012  
AT RIVERDALE SENIOR SERVICES  
2600 NETHERLAND AVENUE**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Andrew Cohen, Committee Chair, CB8  
Marvin Goodman, CB8  
Irving Ladimer, CB  
Karen Pesce, CB8  
Robert Ackersen  
Bill Deutsch  
Julia Schwartz Leeper  
Kathy Gorup  
Grace Guthrie  
Gloria Kailson  
Georgia Santiago  
Alvin Shatkin  
Cliff Stanton

The attendees introduced themselves and the chair gave a brief report explaining that this was the first meeting of the 2012-2013 year. We reviewed the minutes of the May 2012 meeting. Potential sites for future meetings were discussed and it was decided that we would meet at St. Stephens United Methodist Church, in Marble Hill, for our November meeting.

Julia Schwartz-Leeper, the executive director of Riverdale Senior Services, gave a talk about her recent testimony before the New York City Council Health Committee. The talk focused on changes in Medicaid and the impact these changes would have on Social Adult Day services. She expressed concern over the proliferation of for profit Social Adult Day service providers. Currently, there are no licensing requirements for these for profit service providers. People who need Social Adult Day services are a particularly vulnerable population. While all service providers are wary of additional regulation, the absence of a licensing requirement for these for profit service providers is a flaw in the regulatory system and needs to be addressed. The Bronx Interagency Council on Aging (BRICA) is urging the adoption of the regulations promulgated by the New York State Office of Aging (SOFA Regulations) to be applied to these for profit Social Adult Day service providers. Several committee members stated that they were aware of the problem and suggested that we might do a resolution in support of the application of the SOFA regulations to these for profit Social Adult Day service providers. Andrew Cohen agreed to follow up and have a proposed draft resolution for our next meeting.

Under new business: Cliff Stanton informed the Committee about "4 Wheels for Good." A request was made for the committee to follow up on additional "talking traffic lights" in the vicinity of Riverdale Senior Services and it was agreed that we would reach out to the Traffic and Transportation Committee on the issue. Irving Ladimer suggested we reach to local press to try and inform the public about the work of the Community Board 8 Aging Committee.

Submitted by,

Andrew Cohen  
Chair, Aging Committee