

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012
AT ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ATTENDANCE

Andrew Cohen
Tony Creaney
Marvin Goodman
Irving Ladimer
Karen Pesce
Bob Press
Lisa Daub
Ian Christner
Ken Cline
Sharon Asherman
Miawling Lam

AFFILIATION

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Riverdale Review

The meeting was held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved. A discussion was held regarding the last month's speaker and the problems with Adult Social Day Service providers. A resolution was discussed and ultimately adopted unanimously, as follows:

Before the Aging Committee on November 27, 2012

Whereas, Social Adult Day Services provide vital aid and support to seniors and their care givers; and

Whereas, the populations that rely on Social Adult Day Services are particularly vulnerable; and

Whereas, recent changes in the Medicaid Program have enabled new "for profit" Social Adult Day Service providers to establish Social Adult Day Centers in the Bronx; and

Whereas, there are no specific New York State licensing requirements for Social Adult Day Service providers; and

Whereas, the New York State Office for the Aging issues standards governing many services provided to seniors (the SOFA standards) and that currently Social Adult Day Service providers are not required to meet these standards;

Therefore be it resolved, that the New York State Office of the Aging **require** all Social Adult Day Service Providers to comply with the SOFA standards.

Vote: 5 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor: A. Cohen, A. Creaney, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, K. Pesce

A discussion was held regarding the “Senior Citizen Whistle Blower Public Safety Initiative.” It was decided that we wanted to organize a whistle distribution. The whistle distribution should be coordinated with a press release to try and promote the program to as many seniors as possible.

It was decided that we not have a meeting in December as the committee was scheduled to meet Christmas Day.

There was no additional old business.

We discussed the “Care Givers” program and similar programs that provide handyman type services to seniors.

Robert Press agreed to raise the issue of additional “talking traffic signals” at the next Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting.

Under new business, at the suggestion of Irving Ladimer, a sub-committee was formed. The sub committee will create an agenda to raise awareness regarding a safety issue that directly impact senior citizens, i.e. elder abuse scams etc. Irving Ladimer, Andrew Cohen and Robert Press agreed to serve on the sub-committee.

Submitted by,

Andrew Cohen
Chairman
Aging Committee