

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2013**  
**AT FIVE STAR PREMIER RESIDENCES OF YONKERS,**  
**537 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Karen Pesce  
Lisa Daub  
Beverly Fettman  
Marvin Goodman  
Irving Ladimer  
Robert Press  
Georgia Santiago  
Rita Cohen  
Nancy D'Auria  
Dayllis DeVries  
Ruth Feldman  
Zella Jackson  
Janet Kleinberg  
Melissa Prieto

**AFFILIATION**

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5 Star Resident  
President, 5 Star Tenants Association  
Hudson Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Discussion of meeting time/place: agreed that locations should be varied to visit programs/agencies serving seniors. Meeting time will be 3:30pm unless meeting site is a senior services program when meeting time will be 1:30pm to accommodate diners who may want to participate.
3. The Committee welcomed 4 residents of Five Star Premier Residences of Yonkers (its parking lot is in the Bronx). They had questions about the role of the Community Board and membership.
4. Old Business, Budget Issues: Department for the Aging has responded to expense budget requests which included money for senior service centers bus maintenance, parking costs and drivers and infrastructure at senior centers (NYCHA housed programs are unfortunately not funded). Informal notes from Budget Hearings: Bronx currently has 44 senior centers. There is no money available to increase funding for nutritional, educational and health initiatives; however there is a pending appeal to get additional funding from Federal government. Meal programs for the culturally religious are funded at same level as other meals. Funding has been granted to Riverdale Mental Health and Dept. of Mental Health; NORCs will receive training. A Federal grant has been awarded to Riverdale Senior Services to test taxi service to bring participants to the Center.

There are 2 programs providing caregiver support. No response to development and implementation of Telehealth program, safe streets/safe corridors and crime victims' services provided to seniors and their effectiveness. There will be no cost of living adjustments for senior centers which provide cooling centers which require additional staffing and utility costs. On other notes, the NYC City Council may reduce discretionary funding available to City Council members.

5. Individual Agency comments

-Senior Centers located in NYCHA buildings our District are in poor repair, especially bathrooms. Comment: Tony Edwards, the liaison for Councilperson Rodriguez has found it difficult to get response from NYCHA.

-Five Star Residence: residents have a tenants' association, building and grounds committee, gifts committee. Access A-Ride has begun pick-up at Five Star. Housing includes independent living, assisted living and memory awareness programs.

-Hudson Pointe: provides blood pressure screening, wellness programs and physician talk.

-Kosher meals: available at Senior Centers including Van Cortlandt and YM/YWHA. Other area housing facilities also have Kosher meals.

-Elderserve: offices are now at 233<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway for homecare services. A division of Hebrew Home anticipates decreasing its nursing home beds by 150 over the next ten years and emphasize other types of housing on its campus.

-Irving Ladimer: will present a program on the importance of voting based on the US Constitution on October 23, 2013, at 10:00 A.M, at the Riverdale YM/YWHA. a BRONXNET 12 show "Civics with Irving" is planned. Irving attended a United Nations meeting regarding Aging in less developed countries and the geriatric as caregivers.

-Need for more timed Stop lights which either speak or give chirping sound. Need to update resource directory serving our area of the Bronx. Chair will contact BRICA to see what it has done in this area. Project might be coordinated with health and hospitals committee.

Question: Impact on Medicare participants with OBAMACARE.

Next meeting: November 19, 2013, at 3:30 PM, at Hudson Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3220 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce, Chairperson  
Aging Committee