

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON September 16, 2020 VIA ZOOM

Committee Members Present

Eric Dinowitz, Chair
Lisa Daub
Dan Padernacht
Karen Pesch
Rita Pochter Lowe

Committee Members Not Present

Marvin Goodman

Other Guests

CB8 Members:

David Gellman

Community Members

Adelina (no last name given)

Julie Dalton - Riverdale Senior Services

Sharon Asherman - Riverdale Y

Nilda Herrera - Fort Independence

Miryam Rabner

Mary Ellen Gibs

Mariana Miller-D'Alessandro

Beth Friedman

Meeting opened with introductions. Senior centers gave updates as to activities and concerns at their centers.

Riverdale Y has been serving food through pandemic. Contract to provide food to the community was extended. Sending 200 people 3 meals/day. DSNY does emergency food.

Ft Independence - At beginning there were issues with food delivery because people would not get things even if they were on the original list, or older adults would not be notified that they received a food delivery and find them in their lobby. The main issue now is the transition to Zoom.

At RSS, 60% of clients have access to technology, but need help getting technology to the other 40%. There is a robust schedule, with 50 online programs per month. They are not constrained by geographic boundaries, so people come from all over out of need, even people outside the state. RSS has made over 6,000 wellness calls since the pandemic began. Collaborates with GetNYC, Northwest Bronx Food Justice Program (KHCC, OSS, Marble Hill Senior Center, St Steven Church)

Kittay House - Bereavement is still a problem. Visitations are limited to one person at a time, but in person has picked up. There is concern about emotional needs of staff members as well.

Future meetings:

- LiveNYC does work with seniors, like how to wear a mask so as not to pull out one's hearing aid
- Story Corp can do activities revolving around self-care
- Concerns regarding the post office
- Home banking
- Advance Directives/end of life conversations

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55

Submitted by Eric Dinowitz