

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2017 AT
METHODIST HOME FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Irving Ladimer
Karen Pesce
I.W. Stone
Sharon Asherman
Francine Scherer
Bayla Butler
Kajori Chaudhuri
Ian Christner
Suad Hassan
Rena Hyman
Beth Miller
Barbara Rahmanan
Miryam Rabner
Lourdes Santacruz
Karol Tapias

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
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Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Committee Member, Resident
Ampark NORC
NYC Commission on Human Rights
Riverdale Senior Services / HCI
NIDC
Atria Senior Living
NYC Commission on Human Rights
Five Star Premier Residences
MJHS
Methodist Home
LiveOn NY

Not Present:

Rita Pochter Lowe
Georgia Santiago

CB8 Committee Member
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The meeting commenced at 3:40 PM

Introductions

- Chair thanked our host Lourdes Santacruz, Methodist Home
- Participants introduced themselves. Mr. Christner thanked RSS for taking on Healthy Community Initiatives from Bon Secours - Schervier
- Adjusted order of agenda. This is our third senior center roundtable

Topic – NYC Commission on Human Rights – with speakers Kajori Chaudhuri & Beth Miller
Ms. Chaudhuri explained that the Commission, under NYC Human Rights Law, serves to fight discrimination in housing, public accommodations and in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the basis of age, race, gender, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, citizenship status and certain other bias-based profiles. The speakers answered questions and provided examples of what constitutes reasonable accommodations in housing and public places. People may not feel comfortable reporting harassment and discrimination to the police. The Commission investigates and prosecutes claims within their jurisdiction and also provides education and training. Contact 311 and ask for Human Rights

There is an increase in harassment towards people who are Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Arab and South Asian. Ms. Miller is reaching out to organizations to gain participation in a survey. The survey gathers input from residents on how discrimination impacts communities. This will help NYC to direct resources. She encourages participation in this survey. nyc.gov/humanrights

Topic – Our Senior Centers – with guest, Karol Tapias, LiveOn NY

Ms. Tapias introduced LiveOn NY, an organization that supports agencies serving older adults through advocacy, policy, funding issues, training, programming as well as direct assistance. She noted that citywide, senior centers are reporting an increase in program participation. One center noted this shift towards program v. meal participation. The city increased its budget for supporting older adults in the *Year of the Senior*, in part to recognize senior centers' higher administrative/salary costs and increased attendance. Fund disbursement is pending the city's model budgeting initiative to understand need and measurements for fair distribution. LiveOn will meet with senior centers to discuss. RSS is reaching out to bring in older adults from under-served areas. RSS and Y see an increase in participation of younger seniors and are adjusting programming to meet the age spectrum. RSS' social action committee is active. The center has a temporary reprieve from transportation changes. Ms. Butler shared an introduction to NORCs. Natural Occurring Retirement Communities put services in the community to help people age in place. Group discussed the need for doctor appointment escorts and limited assistance

Minutes

The New Jewish Home clarified that their medical model day program operates on their Bronx campus and that they no longer operate a social model day program. Committee approved the September 19, 2017 minutes as amended (6/0/0)

New Business & Updates

- NYC police department is distributing safety bags for older adults. Centers can contact the 50th precinct crime prevention officer
- Chair's letter to the Riverdale Press editor
- Meeting start time at 3:00pm during standard time

Old Business - none

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, at **3:00 pm**, most likely at the Board Office (TBD). Our December 19th meeting will be held at Van Cortlandt Green with speakers from the Office of Emergency Management.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee