

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2013 AT HUDSON POINTE NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

#### PRESENT

Karen Pesce  
Lisa Daub  
Beverly Fettman  
Marvin Goodman  
Irving Ladimer  
Robert Press  
Sharon Asherman  
Laura Amerman  
Nancy D'Auria  
Jane Kennedy  
Melissa Prieto  
Caryn Resnick  
Jennine Ventura  
Harvey Bien  
Kay Boonshoft

#### AFFILIATION

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Riverdale YM/YWHA Senior Center  
Bon Secour  
Hebrew Home  
Atria at Riverdale  
Hudson Pointe Riverdale for Nursing & Rehab  
  
Department for the Aging  
  
Jewish Home Lifecare

1. Minutes of previous meeting corrected: Sharon Asherman, YM-YWHA, in attendance at meeting of 10/22/13; Georgia Santiago also attended. Marvin Goodman attended United Nations Aging event, not Irving Ladimer; Lisa Daub suggested gathering caregivers information, including respite and support groups.
2. DFTA (Dept. for the Aging) Reps: there are Borough directors but not in the Bronx due to understaffing/budget cuts. By 2030, the 60+ population in NYC is anticipated to increase 53% , partially due to older adult immigrants moving in to join their families. There is also a continued out migration due to cost of living. There is a project, Aging in Place: Age Friendly, NYC sponsored by Bloomberg, NYC Council among others, identifying how services for older adults can be tailored. Amalgamated Housing is now the only NORC in the Bronx; there is an RFP for NORCs to get more supportive services. DFTA is more focused on community based housing. Riverdale Senior Services, Bronx, has requested a letter of support for its Innovative Senior Center application which may involve more flexibility for meals, a wellness coordinator, programs for low vision and the LBGT community and a best practices evaluation. It was noted by our DFTA presenters that senior centers with meals prepared on site, rather than by a caterer were better tasting and a better use of DFTA monies. Home delivered meals are much lower than projected. There is a need to increase participation at senior centers which is now at approximately 5% of eligible mature adults; a marketing campaign is planned. Social Adult Daycare is no longer funded. Re: advisory relationships, every senior center has an advisory

council. Citywide, there is advisory council made up of appointees by the Mayor and City Council. DFTA also has a close relationship with the Mayor's Office for Disabilities. Budget priorities include case management with \$5.5 million allocated, a \$1.5 million increase from FY13 to aid seniors in "aging in place."

3. Jewish Lifecare: located at 2553 University Avenue, Bronx - There are 72 studio apartments for Medicaid eligible residents from community aid, not government aid; i.e., SSI or SSD, 62-65 years of age. (\$147/month of income from eligible residents is available to the resident after paying monthly charge). Private pay is \$4000/month. Services include 3 meals daily, ancillary services such as home health aides, nurse, social worker, medication supervision, housekeeper, etc. To be opened after Dept. of Health inspection.
4. YM-YWHA: has private pay adult day care. Managed care coordinators often don't want involvement with adult day care.
5. Suggested discussion topics: caregivers support needs and info to medical community; update on Access A Ride options; R.A.I.N.'s project to develop/expand friendly visitors program.

Submitted by: K. Pesce, Chairperson

Next Meeting: Tues., 12/17/13 Riverdale Senior Services, 2600 Netherland, Bronx,  
**2:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce, Chair  
Aging Committee