

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AT
HUDSON HOUSE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Lisa Daub
Beverly Fettman
Marvin Goodman
Irving Ladimer
Bill Stone
Jerry Friedman
Sharon Asherman
Enrie Morales
Lourdes Santacruz
Melanie Baez
Joan Rehm
Jerry Friedman
Sylvia Lusk
Brenda Gardner
Joan Benjamin

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Vice Chair
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Hudson House
Riverdale YM/YWHA
Right at Home
Five Star Senior Living
Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehab
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1. Attendees introduced themselves
2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
3. Speakers: Joan Benjamin, Brenda Gardner of AARP. Identity theft is a major “industry” with 12.6 million people affected each year. Scams include bogus job opportunities, debt collectors, investment scams including free meals, tech scams, false contacts from banks, disaster related.
Recommended were shred any mail with your name/address; keep copies of front and back of credit cards in case of loss; monitor bank statements; review credit score (one free annually from major credit monitoring companies; avoid transactions at public spaces i.e. coffee shops. To reduce/eliminate scam calls, contact do not call gov.: 888-382-1222. Check charity rating before donating by contacting better business bureau, charity watch or charity navigator. AARP is working with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand on Older Americans Care Act funded by Medicare and Medicaid which will provide coverage for wellness visits.

4. Old Business

M. Baez of Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehab: Caregivers group meets 2nd Thursday of each month 6-6:30pm. Right at Home program will be presenting the virtual tour video on caregiver tips for helping those with dementia.

5. New Business: Issues of interest for future meetings: mental health concerns (RMHA, St, Vincent's Hosp., Jacobi hot line, Allen Hosp. health outreach); availability of measles shots.

6. Hudson House info: there are 58 apartments housing 72 people. Opened 2.5 years ago, it is HUD housing with 30% of residents' income used for housing costs and 70% paid by HUD. Residents were selected by lottery.

NEXT MEETING: Hudson House, Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 2:30pm.

Submitted by:

K. Pesce,
Chairperson