

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AT THE  
SCHERVIER NURSING CARE CENTER  
2975 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Karen Pesce  
Robert Abbott  
Anthony Creaney  
Beverly Fettman  
Carol Hendricks  
Irving Ladimer  
Manfred Segal  
Constance Segal  
Andrea Marais  
Carmen Lopez  
Julia Schwartz-Leeper  
Sheryl Benjamin  
Sue Lobel  
Lillian Negroni  
Lisa Beehner  
Anne Patterson  
Al Mendlovitz

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chairperson CB #8  
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AARP  
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The Hebrew Home  
Riverdale Mental Health  
Riverdale Senior Services  
Riverdale YM/YWHA  
Classic Residence at Hyatt  
Kittay House  
Am Park Sr. Services  
AARP  
Community Resident

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.
2. Speakers: ReServe

Al Mendlovitz introduced Alison Pavia, Director of Strategic Planning and Development and former Executive Director. The program provides post-retirement options for talented older adults. A not-for-profit, it places experienced retirees, not looking for full time work in positions, for 10-19 hours a week; payment is \$10.00 an hour, excluding state and federal taxes, paid by the nonprofit. The placement is in jobs matching enrollees' skills. The motto of the organization is 50 years plus, with energy and commitment. Before job placement there is an application, phone screening and in-person interview. Enrollees come from a variety of fields including social work, physicians, IT specialists, arts and music. The organization wants to expand placements in not-for-profit organizations. It has a foundation grant to expand its own staff to explore job placement opportunities. ReServe may eventually charge a placement fee.

ReServists supplement regular staff. The criteria includes preference for longer term assignments with very specific job descriptions. There is site visit to evaluate success of the placement. ReServe is looking into being the "employer of record." Al, with background in healthcare, said if there's an unmet need, the organization can find the money.

Questioned whether recipients of federally/state financed programs might disqualify for their "salary," each ReServist would need to evaluate.

3. Budget, reported by Tony Creaney:

Requests to DFTA need to match those requested by agencies. Senior Centers will receive slight increase in money for transportation and meal programs. Not guaranteed for the following year.

J. Schwartz, Riverdale Senior Services, reported that the biggest expenditure for Senior Center programs was food and CSCS was investigating doing purchasing to improve buying power.

4. Reports

- a) AARP's priority is that NYS should institute bulk buying of pharmaceuticals. The bill is now in the Assembly to create drug discounts.
- b) Riverdale Mental Health: Nine support groups for older adults in NW part of Bronx.
- c) Kittay House: remodeling. Art show planned.
- d) Riverdale Senior Services: foreign films will be viewed; dance classes available, flu shots in late November.

- e) Ann: Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized will meet September 28. Community Church, 40 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street at Madison. Abuse has been reported at Split Rock, Hebrew Home (disputed).
- f) Fairfield Nursing Home: Now privately held, is changed to short term Rehab.
- g) Hebrew Home: pre-Hanukah cooking class, November 12 at Riverdale Terrace.

5) Discussion

- a) Meeting time: should afternoon/evening meetings be alternated? Consensus: continue with afternoon meetings.
- b) Recommendation from a CB#8 member that the focus should include aged and disabled (new).
- c) Department for The Aging: its role in budget requests.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce  
Chairperson  
Aging Committee

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