

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007 AT THE
BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Robert Abbott
Anthony Creaney
Tom Durham
Beverly Fettman
James Higgins
Irving Ladimer
Jane Reilly

Joy Solomon
Sue Tozzi
Ana Gil
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Amy Schwartz
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Park Gardens Long Term
Home Health Care Program
Weinberg Center at the Hebrew Home
BJCC
Riverdale Mental Health Association
ARC
Hudson Pointe at Riverdale
Classic Residence at Hyatt

1. Speaker, Joy Solomon, Director of Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse prevention, Hebrew Home at Riverdale. Types of neglect include physical, financial, emotional and/or sexual plus self-neglect. The shelters typically don't take men, those with decreased alertness, self-neglect or physical impairments. Those admitted to Weinberg are integrated into the facility in available rooms where they receive special therapeutic services as well as civil and legal services, including assistance with orders of protection from the abuser. This program is not intended as a homeless shelter, but admission is not related to ability to pay. Length of stay is flexible and determined by arranging safe return to home or other housing. Referrals are from multi-sources. The program's training has included doormen and supers to identify elders in potentially threatening situations. A goal is to empower older adults regarding their rights for safe living. No interventions for the abuser are available thru this program. There is a need to teach safety training and rights to the older adult community. Catchment areas are 5 boroughs and Westchester County. There is satellite in Queens.

Comments: Adult Protective Services doesn't need to take every referred case. Banks can often identify financial abuse.

2. Old Business

a. Assisted Living Regulations passed in 2004 and is now out for review/comments. Language is vague. Intent was to have more senior housing licensed. Enforcement may begin later this year. HUD housing doesn't require approval.

b. Cablevision hasn't responded to this Committee's complaint of need to review rates for Senior Centers and low income seniors.

c. Hospice care at Atria is allowed since its considered apartment living. The covenant with Community Board 8 apparently allows this and other types of services to seniors. Atria's Dept. of Health inspection includes all of its facilities and reproduction report costs are sizable and not within our non-existent budget.

3. New Business: none

4. Reports

a. Community Fair: lots of interest but disorganized; need more materials to distribute.

b. Hudson Pointe: 167 beds, 35 of them designated as rehab. A walking tour of Van Cortlandt Park is planned. Info to be distributed.

c. AARP: pharmacy program to control costs is stalled. Concern about lack of continuous and safe sidewalk at Henry Hudson Parkway and Manhattan College Parkway. To be referred to Traffic and Transportation Committee.

d. Schervier: respite rooms allow resident to bring in own helper. A new rehab space has been opened. A program for caregivers of those with dementia is planned for the fall.

5. Budget: expenses prioritized. To be submitted to Department for the Aged.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9/25/07 if date doesn't conflict with religious holidays. Location to be announced.

Submitted by,

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Aging Committee

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