

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007 AT THE
BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Karen Pesce	Committee Chairperson CB #8
Robert Abbott	CB #8
Anthony Creaney	CB #8
Rev. Nathaniel Dixon	CB #8
Beverly Fettman	CB #8
Irving Ladimer	CB #8
Ceil Gordet	ARC
Susan Kunkel	Hebrew Home for the Aged
Sue Tozzi	BJCC
Linda Whitaker	DFTA

1. Minutes of previous regular meeting May 22, 2007 approved as submitted. Discussed special joint meeting held with Health, Hospitals & Social Services and Public Safety Committees regarding EMS station in Wakefield. Ambulances (2-3) will be stationed at locations identified by FDNY as frequent users (periodically reassessed by FDNY). Restocking will be done on as needed basis, with major disinfecting done in Woodlawn Station, if there has been body fluid loss, i.e. vomiting, blood in the ambulance. Restocking would be done, typically, in Wakefield Station or 50th Precinct Police station. Staffing change would occur in Wakefield Station at staggered hours.
2. DFTA Report (Joe Facciola unable to attend), Linda Whitaker: Budget cuts have been restored with \$1.1 million added for cultural arts after identifying new needs for older adults. Senior Centers have been mandated to work on "healthy" activities, incorporate health screenings, more physical activities to modernize services for more active older adults whose needs are not met by passive activities. DFTA has a Request for Proposals, reducing the number of case management agencies from 32 to 22; Bronx Jewish Community Center has applied.

DFTA has received awards for innovative programs involving identifying Alzheimer's, work with wanderers, mental frailties. SCRIE applications available through DFTA; eligibility determined by NYC Department of Finance. HEAP is available based on income level. Access-A-Ride has new regulations. Changes to Medicare Part D provider can be done now through December 15th.

Postal workers, door people, supers are being trained to notify emergency number if mail isn't picked up on regular basis, and if older adults haven't been seen recently. Participants must register.

Snow removal options for older adults are being explored; Sanitation Department will not do private homes. Many people have not been paying water bills; NYC will work with non-payers to establish payment plan.

3. New Business: Julie Reyes, Chair of CB 8 Economic Development Committee, proposed having a job fair to include all age groups, including retirees. This committee expressed limited interest.

4. Agency Reports

- a. Irving Ladimer for Caregivers: a program for caregivers will be presented to decrease stress, including better ways to give care at home.
- b. Legislation has been proposed to pay caregivers of those on Medicaid.
- c. Riverdale Senior Services will have a bazaar Sunday, 11/4/07, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- d. Beverly Fettman suggested that there should be defibrillators at senior meal sites.

Next meeting Tuesday, 11/20/07, 3:30 PM at Methodist Home for Aged.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chair
Aging Committee

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