

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

April 12 , 2016

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Committee members:

Present: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair; Norma de Candido Public Member

Absent: Jason Tejada

Board members: Fe Florimon; Maria Luna

Guests: Danny Perry, Director Independence Care System; Cheryl Miller, Community Resident; Ronald Simmons Student at LaGuardia College; Karen Ginnis, Outreach Manager River Spring at Home (formerly Hebrew Home)

Meeting called to order by Chair, Liliana Saneaux after motion made and seconded to do so. Welcome extended to all and introductions made.

Maria: History of Committee on Aging in CB12

Liliana: Elderly is fastest growing community

Fe: We need to support efforts of the committee

Norma: many neighborhood changes; seniors have many fears

Cheryl: Newly eligible for senior housing, but does not want to live in supportive housing – wants quiet senior building in Manhattan

Karen: River Spring at Home (formerly Hebrew Home) is a 12 year old program located in Riverdale. Program involves seniors with dementia who are living at home, not sleeping, doing various things and not allowing the family to sleep. Program operates 7PM to 7AM, 365 days a year. The seniors are picked up at home and served 2 meals, dinner and breakfast. Programing is based on level of dementia. It is Medicaid funded and seniors need a diagnosis of dementia and not sleeping. It is a medical model and serves 25 to 30 people from the Bronx and Manhattan at this time but has the capacity to double in size.

Danny: Independence Care System is a MLTC (Managed Long Term Care) program to keep people at home as independent as possible – there is no out of pocket cost. There is a way to

get on Medicaid besides spenddown called a Pooled Trust. For a small fee, clients can put the excess money aside and use it to pay bills like rent, etc. This program goes beyond what the State mandates, providing wheelchair repair, wound care program, etc. **Ronald** asked how these services are advertised and was told through events such as health fairs, NYCHA housing associations, etc.

Liliana: Discussion about visiting senior centers to possibly begin when new Board members are assigned; suggestion from **Maria** to do this every 2 to 3 months perhaps in place of regular meeting consider discussing this at Executive meeting

Maria: WH/I Development Corporation gave a loan to the State to train people to establish a Day Care in their home it is a 3 month program and 35 people are registered

Mary: Earth Day 4/22 – car free; street closings; activities

Fe: Easy and Healthy Walking Group that she initiated continues

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair