

**CB9M**16-18 Old Broadway
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(212) 864-6200/Fax # 662-7396**COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN****SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010**Scott Stringer
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District Manager**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:****Ernestine Welch, Chair, Present****Cora Gilmore, Present****Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Excused****Sherri Anne Oustalet, Present****OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT****Noel Graziani****Anita Ross****Florence M. Rice****Lucille Bordie****Sarah Martin, Grant House's Tenants Assoc.****Gisele Guerre****Kenneth Boyd****Deborah Randall****Nazarene Robinson****Verna Arthur, DFTA****PUBLIC MEMBERS:****G. Marilyn Alexander, Excused****Wanda Capan, Present****Laenoria Conyers, Present****Bessie Davis, Present****Ruther Miller, Present****Sophie Johnson, Present****Virginia Lee, Excused****Ruth Lewis, Present****Dothe Rudolph, Present****Inez Woodhouse, Present****Vannisha Taylor, Excused**

The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Agenda and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections or additions.

Reports:**Department For The Aging**

- Verna Arthur, Manhattan Community Outreach Director stated that she is returning from a medical leave. She encouraged seniors to prepare a biography for themselves in the event that they may become eligible for community awards which may be offered unexpectedly by a short notice.

Upper Manhattan Partnership for Senior Independence – Isabella

- Noel Graziani, Director reported that Isabella has partnered with other 6 community based agencies - received a two year contract with New York City Department For The Aging to provide case management and home care services to seniors who are 60 years and older in district 9, 10 and 12. Seniors urged to contact this program to determine if eligible for this service.

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Case Management:

- serves homebound and frail seniors.
- case management personnel perform home assessment and a care plan is created to address the needs of that individual senior.
- Assist in basic needs such as preparing meals; doctor's appointments; laundry and shopping.

Home Care:

- Consist of house keeping and personal care
(Client cannot have both services)

The agency is in partnership with Personal Touch Agency that provides Home Health Aides services three (3) days a week for 4 hours to registered clients.

The agency provides other services such as nutritional counsel – help with diet especially for seniors who are struggling to control their diabetic conditions. Assist in filling out Senior Citizen Rent Increase (SCRIE) and food stamps applications.

Personal Touch Agency

- Allen Chen, Marketing Division reported that his agency is licensed by the New York State Office For The Aging.
- Contracted by DFTA – Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP)
- Provide service to functionally impaired seniors – 60 years and older.
- Eligibility – have two or more daily living needs e.g. housekeeping, shopping etc. and not eligible for other services such as Medicaid.
- Client's address is used to determine which agency will provide the services
- Clients can call (718) 468-2500 Ext. 1600 to file a complaint; the agency will report the complaint(s) to the case management agency.
- Every three months the case management agency contacts clients – although clients should report any issues of concern concerning their services during the designated 3 month period.

Suggestions:

- Applications are available for those who are interested to become CB9#9 public member of Senior Issues Committee.

Announcement:

- Saturday, June 19th St. John The Divine is having a Health Fair from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- Commissioner Margarita Lopez gave permission to start a basic senior garden next to the George Bruce Library. However, the project application which includes benches, fencing and other details cannot be granted at this time.

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

Note: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the George Bruce Library

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