

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005 AT THE
RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
6477 BROADWAY**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Robert Abbott
Anthony Creaney
Irving Ladimer
Sue Tozzi
Manfred Segal
Constance Segal

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson CB #8
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1. Minutes: RAIN continues to deliver meals. City Meals delivers weekend meals with NYC funding. The Meals-on-Wheels program is funded at \$5/meal, including food and delivery expenses. Weekend recipients can choose frozen or chilled meals.

2. Old Business

a) Medicare Part D (prescription drugs): nation-wide, there are 3,660 plans available. Finding pharmacy plans whose formularies (plans which include enrollee's medications) have been difficult to identify, but are available with difficulty on the internet. There are, reportedly 45,000 full-time Medicare counselors available for advising eligible participants on the appropriate plan. The internet inquiry doesn't require the participant's name; medication names need to be identified to find the best fit for plans. Consideration needs to be made for future medication needs. Changes in choice of plans can be made by 1/1/06, 5/15/06, 11/06. Pharmaceutical firms are soliciting. Those on Medicaid will be automatically enrolled by 1/06 with no choice of enrollment opportunities.

b) Agency Reports

1) Irving Ladimer for Geriatric Mental Health: NY Mental Health Alliance has been active in the NY State Legislature for recognition of needs. Funding will be identified "later." Mr. Ladimer will get a copy of legislation for review. Thank you to E. Camerari for support.

Interfaith Caregivers Development Program is now in search process for new director. Aileen Jones, a former member of this committee has now been named as a Vice President at Schervier, aka Bon Secour. Congratulations ! Project Hope provides food Packages at Hanukah and Passover.

2) Food and Hunger Project, KRMH: Bob Abbott will try to attend.

3) New Business

a) Needed: Resolution to legislators re: need to simplify Medicare Part D
b) Speaker to be invited by Mr. Ladimer

4) Other

a) Manhattan student housing is now on 3 sets of buildings, one of which is on Riverdale Avenue, south of 238th. There have been noise complaints. The latter is "temporary."

b) Medicare Part D concerns: call 311

c) Local Community Response Team, CERT: Community based volunteers who have 30 hour training in disaster preparedness and basic response skills; training for community out-reach (212) 989-0909.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 24th, 2006, 3:30 PM at Riverdale Senior Services, 2600 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY. Paid parking (at reduced rate) available. Speaker: to be announced.

Submitted by
Karen Pesce, Chairperson
Aging Committee

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