

Seniors & Youth BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: José Alvarado

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with Budget & Appropriations

With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Maher, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Parker Committee Coordinators: James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod and Shatika Parker GUESTS: (Remote) Department of Senior Programs & Services: Deputy Commissioner Jeanne Pici, Sandra Brown and Agnes Nowak County Youth Bureau: (Remote) Dr. DaMia Harris Madden and Bernie Dean

Present: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

June 12, 2023 at 10 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2023-138](#) ACT-NYSOFA-Enter into Grant Agreement-HIICAP

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging, to accept state grant funds under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Volunteer Stipend Program ("HIICAP Volunteer Stipend").

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services; Deputy Commissioner Jeanne Pici, Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

Ms. Brown discussed that the HIICAP Volunteer Stipend is a new pilot program aimed at new recruitment and retention of HIICAP volunteers by paying them a stipend as an incentive for participating in the HIICAP program. HIICAP is driven by dedicated knowledgeable volunteers who are committed to helping people with Medicare.

Legislator Williams Johnson asked, that the Fiscal Impact Statement under the Anticipated Savings to the County and/or Impact on Department Operations to include "Without these funds,".

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-139](#) ACT-NYSOFA-Enter info Grant Agreements-HIICAP & MIPPA

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into grant agreements with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging, to accept grant funds under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program ("HIICAP") and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act ("MIPPA"), noting that both grants are comprised of federal and New York State funds.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services; Deputy Commissioner Jeanne Pici, Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

Ms. Nowak discussed that the HIICAP funding will be used by the Department to provide Information Contact Services. Similarly, the MIPPA will be used by the Department to provide Medicare Counseling services.

Legislator Williams Johnson asked, that the Fiscal Impact Statement under the Anticipated Savings to the County and/or Impact on Department Operations to include "Without these funds,".

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-140](#) ACT-NYSOFA-Retroactively Amend Grant Agreements-Title III-B, etc.

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retroactively amend 2023 grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS &

YOUTH

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services; Deputy Commissioner Jeanne Pici, Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

Ms. Brown stated that this ACT would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, to retroactively amend grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging, for the following programs: Titles III-B, III-C & the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP), IIID and III-E of the Older Americans Act.

Legislator Williams Johnson asked, that the Fiscal Impact Statement under the Anticipated Savings to the County and/or Impact on Department Operations to include "Without these funds,".

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-141](#) ACT-NYSOFA-Retroactively Amend Agreements-CSE, etc.

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retroactively amend various 2022-2023 grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging and to retroactively amend existing 2022-2023 inter-municipal agreements with local municipalities funded by the aforesaid grants.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services; Deputy Commissioner Jeanne Pici, Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

Ms. Brown discussed the ACT will include the following programs: Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP), and the UNMET Need Program (UNMET NEED), the Wellness in Nutrition Program (WIN), and the Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP).

Legislator Williams Johnson asked, that the Fiscal Impact Statement under the Anticipated Savings to the County and/or Impact on Department Operations to include "Without these funds,".

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-154](#) ACT-Remove IMA with Yonkers-Add IMA with Port Chester

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend Act 2023-71 to remove one of the inter-municipal agreements with the City of Yonkers from the list set forth therein of inter-municipal agreements for the implementation of the New York State's Office of Children and Family Services Youth Development Program, and replace it with an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Port Chester.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guests: County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris Madden, Executive Director and Bernie Dean, Financial Administrator

Dr. Harris Madden discussed that the County's entering into the Port Chester IMA will benefit youth residing in the Village of Port Chester by funding a Summer Youth Employment program that will provide them with opportunities to actively acquire the skills and abilities needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Chair Alvarado, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson