



# Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final Committee Chair Jose Alvarado

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Monday, May 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

With a quorum present, Vice Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

*Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.*

*A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."*

*Others in Attendance: A. Restiano, J. Silverberg, Legislators Borgia, Covil, Smith  
Remote: Y. Valencia, Legislators Parker, Shimsky, Barr, Cunzio, Maher, Gashi, Walter, Johnson, Sandra Brown, Jeanne Pici, Colette Phipps, Krishaveni Drummond*

**Present:** Legislator Boykin

**Absent:** Committee Chair Alvarado

**Remote:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Committee Vice-Chair  
Woodson-Samuels

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests:

Mae Carpenter, Commissioner

Jeanne Pici, Deputy Commissioner

Colette Phipps, Director of Program Development

Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development

Senior Programs & Services

1. [ACT-2021-80](#) **IMA-Services to Seniors-Yonkers & New Rochelle**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the City of Yonkers and the City of New Rochelle for the provision of outreach and other services to seniors to be funded with County tax dollars.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS, YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES***

Ms. Pici introduced herself and staff to discuss the following Act which would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the City of Yonkers and the City of New Rochelle, acting by and through their respective Offices for the Aging pursuant to which the Municipalities will provide outreach and other services to seniors to be funded with County tax dollars. The term of the proposed IMAs will commence on January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2021. In no event will the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount payable for both IMAs exceed the sum of \$30,000, payable pursuant to approved budgets. The services to be provided under the IMAs include the Livable Communities Regional Hosts services that provide outreach to residents to participate in and access programs and services provided by the Department; and public information/education services that are provided through meetings, educational forums and events at which residents are educated and informed about the Department's myriad programs and services that are designed to enhance the quality of life for Westchester seniors to allow them to remain in their homes and community. The existing authorization expired on December 31, 2020 and a new authorization will be needed to enter into new agreements.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Boykin

**Absent:** Committee Chair Alvarado

2. [ACT-2021-81](#) **ACT-Enter into Grant Agreements with NYSOFA and IMAs with Municipalities**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds from New York State ("State") under the Community Services for the Elderly Program, the Congregate Services Initiative Program, the Caregiver Resource Center Program, the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program, the New York State Transportation Program, the Wellness in Nutrition Program, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, the Unmet Need Program and the New York Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program, and to also enter into inter-municipal agreements with local municipalities for services to be funded by some of said grants.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS, YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES***

This is an ACT to authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds made available to the County from New York State under the Community Services for the Elderly Program, the Congregate Services Initiative Program, the Caregiver Resource Center Program, the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program, the New York State Transportation Program, the Wellness in Nutrition Program, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, the Unmet Need Program, and the New York Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below. The Grant Agreements will be for a term commencing retroactive to April 1, 2021 and continuing through March 31, 2022, except for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program Grant Agreement which will commence retroactive to October 1, 2020 and continue through September 30, 2021. Additionally, authority is requested to enter into inter-municipal agreements with one or more municipal corporations for services to be funded with grant funds received from NYSOFA under the Grant Agreements in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below, for terms corresponding to the term of each grant, with specific allocations for each IMA to be determined at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department.

Grant Amounts:

Community Services for the Elderly Program \$1,575,319  
Congregate Services Initiative Program \$20,806  
Caregiver Resource Center Program \$19,611  
Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program \$2,517,305  
New York State Transportation Program \$54,014  
Wellness in Nutrition Program and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program \$1,223,885  
Unmet Need Program \$951,658  
New York Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program \$653,982

Inter Municipal Agreements:

Community Services for the Elderly Program \$253,019  
Congregate Services Initiative Program \$0  
Caregiver Resource Center Program \$0  
Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program \$97,352  
New York State Transportation Program \$54,014  
Wellness in Nutrition Program and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program \$944,093  
Unmet Need Program \$0  
New York Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program \$0

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Boykin

**Absent:** Committee Chair Alvarado

3. [ACT-2021-82](#) **ACT-Enter into Grant Agreements with NYSOFA and IMAs with Municipalities**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds under Titles III-B, III-C, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program ("NSIP"), III-D and III-E of the Older Americans Act and also to enter into inter- municipal agreements with local municipalities for services to be funded by Titles III-B, III-C & NSIP grants under the Older Americans Act.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS, YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES***

This ACT is to authorize the County of Westchester acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds made available to the County under Titles III-B, III-C & the Nutrition Services Incentive Program ("NSIP"), 111-D and 111-E of the Older Americans Act ("OAA"), in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below. The Grant Agreements will be for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021, except for the grant agreement for NSIP which will commence retroactive to October 1, 2020 and continue through September 30, 2021. Additionally, authority is requested for the County to enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the municipalities listed in Exhibit "A", attached to the Act (the "Municipalities"), for services to be funded with the grants received from NYSOFA under the Grant Agreements in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below, for terms corresponding to the term of each grant.

Grant Amounts:

Title III-B \$1,069,441

Title III-C & NSIP \$2,050,995

Title III-D \$63,246

Title III-E \$549,161

Inter Municipal Agreements:

Title III-B \$290,486

Title III-C & NSIP \$1,463,874

Title 111-D \$0

Title III-E \$0

The services to be provided under the IMAs with the funds received from the OAA for Titles III-B and III-C & NSIP are: nutrition services such as congregate and home delivered meals; and nutrition education; equipment; supplies; vehicle expenses; access services such as information and assistance and transportation services. A portion of the grant funds under Title 111-B and Titles III-C & NSIP service programs will be used directly by the Department for Area Agency Administration and that no Services will be provided under IMAs with the funds received under the OAA for Titles III-D and 111-E. Instead, this funding will be allocated for contracts with non-municipal agencies to provide various services to seniors.

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**            Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Boykin

**Absent:**        Committee Chair Alvarado

**II.      OTHER BUSINESS**

**III.     RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 11:00 AM.