



# Seniors & Youth BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: José Alvarado

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

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## CALL TO ORDER

Joint meeting with B&A and Health

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*With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Vedat Gashi, Colin Smith, Beth LoBello, Anand Singh, Dayana Gomez, Marcello Figueroa Remote: Catherine Parker, James Nolan, MaryJane Shimsky, Damon Maher, Erika Pierce, Melanie Montalto Guests: Sandra Brown, Department of Seniors Programs & Services and Dr. DaMia Harris Madden, Executive Director, Westchester County Youth Bureau*

**Present:** Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Remote:** Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo

## MINUTES APPROVAL

March 7, 2022 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-2022-40](#) IMA(Amend)-Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program-Yonkers

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers for a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, SENIORS & YOUTH AND HEALTH**

Joint with B&A and Health

Guest: Westchester County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director

*Dr. Harris-Madden shared that on October of 2021 this item was passed by the Board of*

*Legislators and today they would like to amend to allow the City of Yonkers to be afforded additional funding of \$30,334 added to total to amount \$60,668. They want to ensure that all dollars are spent and that its purpose is fulfilled. They are executing this program through the One Love Program which teaches the youth on healthy relationships and healthy relationship building. They also use the Ready Curriculum which allows for soft skills building and preparation for employment. This allows Yonkers to afford more access for the young people who will benefit from this.*

*Chair Williams Johnson asked why the Nepperhan Community Center refused the funds and Dr. Harris-Madden responded that despite her not being able to speak for them, there seems to be a capacity challenge there and after much discussion they agreed to forego the funds so that the youth can still benefit. Legislator Alvarado added that there was no animosity behind this and the Nepperhan Community Center continues to serve the youth. Legislators shared sentiments approval on this item and Dr. Harris-Madden's efforts with the success of her work in the Youth Bureau.*

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

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

**ACT-2022-35 IMA-Services to Seniors-Yonkers & New Rochelle**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into intermunicipal 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***

Joint with B&A

Guests: Deputy Commissioner of Seniors, Jeanne Pici and Director of Program Development, Sandra Brown

*Ms. Brown stated that is Act would authorize the County to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the City of New Rochelle and the City of Yonkers to continue as the livable communities regional host to provide outreach to residents to participate in access programs and services provided by the Department. This will provide public information/education that is provided through meetings, educational forums and events at which residents are educated and informed about the Department's many programs and services. They are designed to enhance the quality of life to Westchester Seniors and allow them to remain in their homes and community.*

*Legislator Woodson-Samuels asked how many seniors are usually contacted? Legislator Alvarado answered that the Commissioner has those numbers, and I think county wide, the number exceeds 200,000. He also stated there is a publication which also informs seniors and that the number continues to increase.*

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

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

[ACT-2022-36](#) **ACT-Grant Agreement-NYSOFA-Older Americans Act**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds under Title III -B of the Older Americans Act and also to exercise the first of its four (4) one-year renewal options under inter-municipal agreements with the City of New Rochelle and the City of Yonkers for information and assistance services.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with B&A

Guests: Deputy Commissioner of Seniors, Jeanne Pici and Director of Program Development, Sandra Brown

*Ms. Brown stated the New York Office for the Aging allocated funds for supportive services under Title III-B of the Older Americans Act. This would allow inter-municipal agreement with the City of New Rochelle and the City of Yonkers to provide information and assistance services. In 2021, the City New Rochelle provided about 12,000 contacts to about 792 people. The City of Yonkers provided about 9,000 contacts to about 810 people.*

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

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

[ACT-2022-37](#) **ACT-Grant Agreements-NYSOFA**

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, 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**

Joint with B&A

Guests: Deputy Commissioner of Seniors, Jeanne Pici and Director of Program Development, Sandra Brown

*Ms. Brown stated this Act would authorize the County to enter into grant agreements with the NYS Office of the Aging to accept grant funds made available to the County under Titles III-B,*

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*III-C and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program III-D, and III-E of the Older Americans Act. This will provide different services such as nutrition services, congregate and home delivered meals, equipment, supplies, vehicle expenses and transportation services to help seniors remain in their homes and community.*

*Legislator Barr stated on the fiscal impact statement it looks like the County puts in some money. Commissioner Pici answered the grants have mandatory match funding. In order to receive it you have to match it. It is roughly a 10 percent match.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**[ACT-2022-39](#) ACT-Enter into Grant Agrmnt.-NYSOFA-State Funding**

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 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***

Joint with B&A

Guests: Deputy Commissioner of Seniors, Jeanne Pici and Director of Program Development, Sandra Brown

*Ms. Brown stated this is an Act to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept 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. These services will provide meals, nutrition education, equipment, supplies, vehicle expenses, information, assistance, and transportation.*

*Legislator Alvarado stated this is a direct investment in our community for our seniors.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Chair Alvarado, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. 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 Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was adjourned at 11:40 AM. The motion carried by the following vote:

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