

Seniors & Youth BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: José Alvarado

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget and Appropriations

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 10:31PM.

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Pierce
Committee Coordinators: Beth LoBello and Jill Axelrod*

Guests (Remote): Westchester County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden and Department of Senior Programs & Services; Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development and Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development

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

Remote: Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

October 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2023-42](#) IMA-Sixth Grade Leadership Academy-Yonkers

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Yonkers, for a Sixth Grade Leadership Academy program for the period commencing retroactively on July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2023 for total amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) DOLLARS.

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

Joint with B&A

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

Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden discussed the Sixth Grade Leadership Academy after-school program will be open to current Yonkers Youth who are in sixth grade preparing to transition into a new school to complete seventh and eighth grades. The program aims to teach youth how to develop their authentic self and leadership skills to ready them to enter a new middle school.

The curriculum will include weekly lessons that focus on self-development, leadership skills, etiquette, social skills, anti bullying, academics, and mental health. Lessons will be taught by trained on-site staff and special guest instructors in various interactive and engaging methods.

Legislator Gashi asked, how many students are involved in this program? Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden responded, that there was a minimum of 80 students.

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

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

[ACT-2023-44](#) 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

Joint with B&A

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

Ms. Brown discussed the programs and services to be provided under the IMAs include the Livable Communities Regional Host services program which provides outreach to residents to participate in and access programs and services provided by the Department; and public information/education that is provided through meetings, educational forums and events at which residents are educated and informed about the Department's 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.

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, Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-45](#) ACT-Enter into Grant Agrmnt.-NYSOFA-Title III-B Fed. Grant Funds

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York Office for the Aging to accept grant funds under Title III-B of the Older Americans Act and also to exercise the second 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: Department of Senior Programs & Services; Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development and Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development

Ms. Nowak discussed that during the 2022 program year, approximately 7,540 units of services were provided which included information related to Covid vaccines, home care services and transportation. These services were provided to approximately 7,500 individuals.

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, Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-46](#) **ACT-Enter into Grant Agrmnt.-NYSOFA-Various Fed. Grant 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 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.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with B&A

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

Ms. Nowak discussed that this Act will provide the points of services such as home care, transportation, home effective support, legal services, nutrition services such as home delivered meals, congregate meals, and efficient education on health promotion.

Vice-Chairwoman Barr asked, how many nutrition centers are located in Westchester County? Ms. Nowak responded that she will gather that information and send to it to us.

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

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

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was adjourned at 11:04 AM. The motion carried by the following vote:

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