

### Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services

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Monday, October 18, 2021

10:00 AM

**Committee Room** 

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations.

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*With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM.* **Present:** Legislator Boykin

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

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:00 AM

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Monday, October 4, 2021 10:00 AM

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1. <u>ACT-2021-185</u> <u>ACT-Amend Grant Agreement-NYSOFA-IMAs-EISEP</u>

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AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") under the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program ("EISEP") by extending the term thereof through December 31, 2021; and to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the municipalities listed in the attached Exhibit "A"(the "Municipalities") to provide Information and Assistance services to seniors to be funded with the EISEP grant.

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

Guests:

Jeanne Pici, Director of Operations Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development Department of Seniors Programs & Services

Director of Operations Jeanne Pici and Director of Program Development Sandra Brown appeared before the Committees to discuss the Act- Amend Grant Agreement -NYSOFAEISEP. Ms. Pici discussed that this is an Act that would authorize the County through its Department of Senior Programs & Services to amend a grant agreement with NYS Office for the Aging which provided the County with \$2,517,305 in funding for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program for a term commencing on April 1, 2020 and continuing through March 31, 2021, extending it through December 31, 2021. Second, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the municipalities listed in the legislation. The program will provide Information & Assistance services funded under the EISEP Program in a not to exceed amount of \$1,208,048; \$915,131 in EISEP grant funds and \$292,917 in County matching funds for a term commencing on April 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021. Funding received under the EISEP Grant Agreement was used to provide various services through contracts with the City of Yonkers an various non-municipal agencies. NYSOFA has informed the Department that they have extended the term through December 31, 2021. Additionally, the Department has determined that it would like to use a portion of the unexpended grant funds received under EISEP to enter into an IMA with municipalities to provide Information & Assistance services to support program to seniors during the extended term. Ms. Pici discussed that the reason they are before the joint committees today is typically, we would spend all the funding, or most of the funding on in home services such as home health aide and social adult day program but because of the pandemic, the social adult day program has not been operational and there is a shortage of home care workers. She discussed it has been very challenging getting people to work. The Department looked at what programs were being over served such as nutrition programs. The Department is asking for permission to reallocate the extra funds into those Departments. Ms. Pici explained two things need to happen, NYSOFA needed to grant permission for the term to be extended through the end of this year, which they have done, so they had time to reallocate the funds. The second is they Department needs to seek approval from the Board.

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the

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following vote:

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

### II. OTHER BUSINESS

### III. RECEIVE & FILE

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 12:10 PM by the following vote:

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