

Health Sub-Committee

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



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Sub-Committee Chair:
Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

3:30 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Margaret Käufer, Joanna Jimenez and Dr. Pauline Mosley; BOL: Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Judah Holstein, Legislator Erika Pierce and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Overcoming Analog Inertia and Building Workforce Skills

Guests: The STEM Alliance

Margaret Käufer, President, and Joanna Jimenez, Chief Client Experience Officer

Pauline Mosley, Professor of Information Technology at Pace University

This presentation started by explaining the challenges on bridging the digital divide and defining analog inertia. Through their programming, The STEM Alliance conducts outreach through trusted partners, offers peer-to-peer referrals and has client-facing social workers addressing the impacts of digital distress. In speaking about their digital navigators, they explained that it is based on the National Digital Inclusion Alliance model. A recent study showed that 88% of individuals have a device in the household but it is not personal to them, while 58% of households do not have any devices at all. As a way to remedy this, The STEM Alliance offers the opportunity for recipients to obtain a device, learn how to maximize its use and subsequently stay with this same device through and through. Via the Connect Westchester program, they have distributed devices to a wide variety of municipalities throughout the County. The impact of learning how to properly use devices and software programs has positively affected areas such as workforce, economy, education, physical and mental health, as well as productivity. Digital inclusion continues to be a driving force to help

as many people as possible to gain invaluable skills that can be applicable to all areas in life.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.

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