



Families Task Force

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

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Friday, September 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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GUESTS:

BOL: Melanie Montalto,

Others: Carolyn Fluckinger, Nancy Tunis, Liz Mark, Perla Arellano, Tamika Coverdale, Kemi Pogue, Maryanne Joyce, Stanley Sheppard, Terry Kirschner, Karin Anderson, Marcia Spencer, Clare Degnan,, Marisol Tapia, Virgil Dantes, Sonia Elliot, Tom Gabriel, Virginia Foulkrod, Blanca Lopez. Shirley Acevedo, Verene Arnabal, Susan Weisman, Joanne Dunn, Gary Wheeler, Carola Bracco, Darlene Reda, Selene Gonzalez, Jan Fisher, Janet Fry, Rachel Halperin, Jean McAffer, Marilyn Pacheco

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<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

With a quorum present, Chair Nancy Barr called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Others in attendance: Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

Carola Bracco; Karin Anderson; Liz Mark; Joanne Dunn; Rachel Halperin; Stanley Sheppard; Tom Gabriel; Jan Fisher; Gary Wheeler; Janet Fry; Blanca Lopez; Maryanne Joyce; Perla Arellano; Darlene Reda; Jean Macaffer; Sonia Elliot; Vurgil Dantes; Maria Spencer; Nancy Tunis; Shirley Acevedo; Clare Degnan; Tamika Coverdale; Selene Gozalez; Marilyn Pacheco.

Present Nancy Barr, and Damon Maher

Absent Jose Alvarado, Catherine Borgia, and Christopher Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Immigration Update: New Asylum Seekers

Guests: Carola Bracco, Neighbors Link
Karen Anderson, Neighbors Link

Carola and Karen gave an update on the influx of immigrants in and around Westchester County. They answered questions as it relates to what the specific needs of this population of immigrants seem to be and have identified the most pressing needs being resources for education and language adaptation as well as housing. Carola expressed the need for people to stop thinking of immigrants as needing one off services but more like a natural occurrence that we as a country and as a community should always be prepared for.

For the full Powerpoint presentation please visit:
https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/1569?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=e0de870a3e212a90f77a4a7161fb1547

2. Landlord Tenant Assistance Program (LTAP)

Guest: Blanca Lopez, Deputy Commissioner of Planning Department

Blanca Lopez presented on the Landlord Tenant Assistance Program and the current statistics that are available for who has enrolled in the program. She highlighted all of the benefits and encouraged the committee to encourage others to join. If you would like to view the full Powerpoint presentation visit:

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3. Kinship Care Update

Kathy Halas gave the group an update from the housing sub-committee regarding Kinship Care. Shelley Mayer advised the committee to meet with Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins (ASC). That meeting was held and ASC was very well informed about the issue and seemed very enthusiastic about state action to move on this issue. Kathy said there will be additional conversations and meetings in the coming months.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT