

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHIC DIVERSITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010
10:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Chair: Spreckman. Members: Burton; Pinto; Williams. Staff: Vita.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marlene Furtick, Director, WC Youth Bureau; Ann Spindel, GCED Community Member; Liz Mark, GCED Member Advocate.

Legislator Spreckman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 23, 2010 were moved and approved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mrs. Williams. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried 5-0.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU: Marlene Furtick presented an updated overview of the current youth programs in the County.

Ms. Furtick handed out a spread sheet of the 2010 IIK Funding stream program. She mentioned the COPS funded program which is part of County tax money for invest-in-kids program, DSS had to cut 8 of the COPS programs, which the money was used to keep children out of juvenile care, probation and mental health etc. Title 20 funding showed 2% poverty level, and the Departments of Mental Health and Probation, approximately 28 programs may be eliminated. To date there are no State cuts in 2010 for COPS program.

Ms. Furtick went through each line and discussed the success of each program and how her office assists to make them work. Ms. Spindel said the Youth Bureau tries to make each program “user-friendly”.

Lastly, Ms. Furtick said that her office will go forward with the County Executive’s Scholars Project and handed out the 2009 Project for the members review.

Legislator Spreckman thanked Ms. Furtick for her report and appreciates her taking the time to meet with the committee and looks forward to working with the Youth Bureau during the new Legislative session.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.