

Westchester County Board of Legislators
COMMITTEE OF GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY
Minutes: November 20, 2007

MEMBERS: **Chair:** Bernice Spreckman; Legislators: Jose Alvarado, Lois Bronz, William Burton, Ken Jenkins and George Oros.

ATTENDANCE: (See attached sign-in sheet) **STAFF:** RVinci, NRentz.

Meeting called to order at 10:10 pm.

Marykate Calabro presented information on:

21) **RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN:** *Resource Allocation Plan:* Proposed Act authorizing the County to execute and submit to the State of New York a Resource Allocation Plan which will provide State reimbursement for certain youth service programs (11/13/07, B&A, GCED)

Item was passed by GCED. Motion made by Legislator Bronz and seconded by Ken Jenkins. (signed out of GCED and sent to B&A).

John Cochran, Malkin & Ross, presented priority issues identified by the Statewide Office for the Aging and gave an update on policy agenda issues: (began presentation at 10:30 am)

Priorities include: care giver support issue, civic engagement, point of entry (hand outs available)

Commissioner Carpenter presented her own agenda: loan forgiveness for nurses/social workers for 10 years of work with the elderly, let tax payers make contribution for senior transportation on tax returns, forgive school taxes for seniors (STAR program doesn't go far enough), we need workforce housing, school taxes for seniors need to be capped (NY state law allows 5% increase – Massachusetts is 3%)

Meeting ended at 11:50 am. Motion made by Legislator Bronz and seconded by Legislator Spreckman.

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