

Westchester County Board of Legislators
COMMITTEE OF GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY
JOINT MEETING WITH
COMMITTEE ON FAMILY, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Minutes: November 13, 2007

COMMITTEE ON GCED

MEMBERS: Chair: Bernice Spreckman; Legislators: Lois Bronz, William Burton, Ken Jenkins and Vito Pinto.

COMMITTEE ON FHHS

MEMBERS: Chair: Judy Myers; Legislators: Kenneth Jenkins, Lois Bronz, William Burton, Martin Rogowsky, Ursula LaMotte and Thomas Abinanti.

In Attendance: BOL: Rose Vinci, Harry Spreckman, Christina Giliberti, Joanne Sold and Melanie Montalto; Guests: Cora Greenberg, Felice Harris, Allison Lake, Howard Milbert, Liz Mark, Milly Kibrich, Karen Blumenthal, Matt Shelley, Laurie Nikolski, Olga Pizarro, Kelly Darrow, Marilyn Foley, Kathy Halas, Linda D'Elia.

Items Discussed: The Westchester Children's Association presented their 2008 budget requests.

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

Cora Greenberg, the Executive Director of the Westchester Children's Association and many of their members presented their 2008 budget requests to the Committees. A copy of the request is on file and available for review.

Howard Milbert discussed item 5 on the Associations agenda which requests that the Board support the request for a waiver of New York State regulations requiring parents to comply with child support requirements in order to apply for subsidized child care. Mr. Milbert provided a hand out which is on file and available for review. While the Committees agreed to draft a resolution or letter in support of this waiver, Howard Milbert received a call from Sandy Galef's office and he informed the Committees that the State has granted the County the waiver.

The Committees discussed the rest of the items on the Children Association's list and requested reports, contract dates and allocation amounts for funding that has been previously granted and is requested to be continued.

Item 3 on the Association's agenda requested an additional \$500,000 to the Invest-In-Kids budget for new programs aimed at truancy prevention and youth violence to be allocated through an RFP from the Youth Bureau. A discussion ensued regarding truancy, gang violence and what is being done around the County.

Item number 4 requests that the Board ask for a formal report from the County on the impacts of the Invest-In-Kids program. A discussion ensued and the Committees agreed to request a report in the near future.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Jenkins the Committee on Generational, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Moved by Legislator Abinanti and seconded by Legislator LaMotte agenda items 23, 24, 47, 72, 73, 75, and 78 were received and filed with a vote of 6-0.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Rogowsky the Committee on Family, Health and Human Services adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.