

APPROVED

**Westchester County Board of Legislators
COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY
Joint with
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
Minutes: March 24, 2009**

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

ATTENDANCE: **STAFF:** Rose Vinci and Melanie Montalto

Meeting was called to order at 10:17 am

Minutes from 10/21/08, 12/16/08 and 01/30/09 were approved. Motion was made by Legislator Vito Pinto and seconded by Legislator William Burton.

Ellen Levy from the Yonkers Partners in Education gave an overview of their organization and current initiatives. They are publicly funded by a 5031 fund created by Yonkers Mayor Amicone. The organization has three main priorities; Community Engagement, Family Literacy and College Access.

Representatives from the Westchester Chapter of the New York State Intergenerational Network (NYSiGN) presented *Intergenerational Programs*. The following were in attendance:

Janice Lubin-Kirschner – President - NYSIGN, Executive Director –Jewish Council of Yonkers/Westchester Community Partners
Joanna Straub – Executive Director, The Volunteer Center of United Way
Trina Fontaine – Junior League of Northern Westchester
Dawn Gonick – Junior League of Northern Westchester
Rina Bellamy - My Second Home
Marla Hurban – Director of Community Relations, JCY/Yonkers

They spoke of programs where senior citizens work with autistic children and how both have greatly benefited from this initiative. Programs where senior citizens work with children were also presented via power point.

Meeting ended at 11:40 am with a motion made by Legislator Vito Pinto and seconded by William Burton.