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**Westchester County Board of Legislators
COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY
Minutes: September 15, 2009**

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

ATTENDANCE: **STAFF:** Rose Vinci

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am

Evan Latainer, Director of the Westchester County Office for the Disabled, along with Chris Androdopolis, Supervisor of ParaTransit, spoke about the ParaTransit policies and procedures. Some changes include: the cost of ParaTransit increased, along with the increase incurred by BeeLine Buses, the increased advanced reservations policy, from 5 to 7 days and changed the suspension and cancellation rule. The cancellation policy now mimics Nassau County's – they must call by 3pm the day before. Suspension from ParaTransit starts after 4 violations with a month. They transported 217,000 passengers in 2008, add 50 new riders a month and receive 200 applications a month.

Maria Alvarez, Deputy Director for New York Statewide Senior Action Council, spoke about healthcare reform issues and the upcoming Statewide Convention.

Meeting ended at 11:55 am with a motion made by Legislator Lois Bronz and seconded by Legislator Vito Pinto.

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