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## Westchester County Board of Legislators COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY (Joint meeting with the Committee on Community Services) Minutes: June 17, 2008

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

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ATTENDANCE: STAFF: Rose Vinci and Melanie Montalto

Meeting called to order at 10:20 am.

The topic of Elder Abuse was discussed by the following:

Audrey Stone - Westchester County District Attorney's Office presented a power point on types of elder abuse and safety tips.

Natalie Siler and Michele LaRosa - Westchester County Adult Protective Services spoke about types of assistance they provide and examples of call they receive.

Michelle Errante – Community Outreach Coordinator for the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention spoke about their organization as a community resource to aid in the prevention and intervention of elder abuse and neglect, including a regional elder shelter. They serve eligible seniors who are 60 + (1-800-567-3646).

Maryellen Martirano – Westchester County Department of Public Safety, Director of Training spoke the efforts her department does throughout the county with law enforcement officials in regards to education and training.

Meeting ended at 11:45 am. Motion made by Legislator Jose Alvarado and seconded by Legislator Judy Myers.

-AUDIO MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE -