

APPROVED

**Westchester County Board of Legislators
COMMITTEE OF GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY
Minutes: April 15, 2008**

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

ATTENDANCE: STAFF: RVinci, Rick Pezzullo, Mae Carpenter and Dozene Guishard.

Meeting called to order at 10:17 am.

Minutes from 3/25/08 approved. Motion made by Legislator Vito Pinto and seconded by Legislator William Burton.

Mr. John Eadie, Director of Statewide Senior Action Council, spoke about the State Budget and the impact it will have on senior programs/issues. Also in attendance were Statewide staff members Maria Alvarez, Director of Outreach/Program Associate for New York City and Justin Cunningham, Deputy Director.

Also discussed by Justin Cunningham was a new program, not yet launched, involving the DNA collection/research of those who reside in NYC 90 years of age and older. This program will help in creating a databank for identifying genetic illnesses and age related drugs.

A suggestion was made to write a letter to the Governor in support of the Statewide Office for the Aging to be involved with the budget decision process as it relates senior issues. A motion was made by Legislator William Burton and seconded by Legislator Jose Alvarado.

Meeting ended at 11:45 am. Motion made by Legislator Ken Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Vito Pinto.

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