



## Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

~AGENDA~

Tuesday, September, 19, 2017

10:00 AM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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### CALL TO ORDER

### MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM
2. Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 10382) Resolution – Resolution in Support of the FAIR Drug Pricing Act:**

A Resolution in support of a proposed Federal Bill known as the Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act (H.R. 2439/S. 1131).

### II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

### III. RECEIVE & FILE

### ADJOURNMENT



Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

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Tuesday, June, 20, 2017

10:00 AM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Tubiolo called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David J. Tubiolo	Chair	Present	
Sheila Marcotte	D10 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
Michael Kaplowitz	D4 Legislator (Chairman of the Board)	Absent	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Yolanda Valencia, Mary Jackson GUESTS: Colette Phipps, Program Coordinator, Research and Development, Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator Marcotte the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

2. Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator Marcotte the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Legislator Tubiolo welcomed all members and introduced Colette Phipps, Program Coordinator, Reasearch and Developement, Department of Senior Programs and Services. The committee continued its discussion of the high cost of prescription drugs. Ms. Phipps presented a video to show the committee, due to technical difficulties we were unable to view the presentation. The link to the video will be posted on our site for viewing. Ms. Phipps went over a survey that is being conducted by the Department of Seniors Programs and Services. It was recommended that when visiting the doctors office we ask for generic brands of the prescription drugs. Ms Spreckman recommends to send letter to members of congress to express the concerns of the high cost of prescription drugs. Chair Tubiolo is considering writing a Reolution to address these concerns he would like to invite state representatives to join the committee to discuss the issues in question. The committee would like to invite a health insurance carrier, POMCO to ask questions on how the price of the prescription is covered. A brief discussion in regards to how long prescription drugs are good for after the experation date and the potency of the drug. Chair Tubiolo has successfully worked with Yonkers and Mayor Spano to place drop boxes at senior centers.

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Legislator Shimsky mentioned she has legislation before the board to have chain pharmacies of three or more to have drop boxes at these stores.

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

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## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Marcotte seconded by Legislator Shimsky the Committee adjourned at 11:03 am.

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## Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

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Tuesday, July, 18, 2017

10:00 AM

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Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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Michael Kaplowitz	D4 Legislator (Chairman of the Board)	Absent	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Yolanda Valencia, Mary Jackson, interns GUESTS: AnnMarie Berg, Commissioner of Finance; Angela Owens, Benefites Manager; Amanda Modugno, Seniors Public Info Officer; Jeanne Pici, Dept of Senior Services

### MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Tubiolo opened the meeting and introduced Commissioner of Finance, Annmarie Berg and Angela Owens, Benefits Manager, Amannda Mugdono, Senior Public Information Officer and Jeanne Pici, Dept. of Senior Services. A Bond Act of \$1.4 million was passed for the county fleet to benefit the Paratransit vehicles. Commissioner Berg and Ms. Owens discussed Medicare part D on prescription drugs. Commissioner Berg discussed the enrollment process and a discount program offered to the community. Seniors that are over 65 and or disabled are eligible to take part in the program in which it is a voluntary program through the Medicare program. County retired employees have a program that would not qualify them for Medicare part D. Enrollment period is opened during October 15th through December 7th. You may change your Medicare part D during the enrollment period. Medicare A and B are mandatory at 65. Medicare A (hospitalization) is free at 65, Medicare B is mandatory at 65 if you are not working with benefits.- Payment is deducted from your social security benefit. Medicare part D is not mandatory at 65 and a charge will be assessed depending on your income as well as part B. If you lose your coverage you may be penalized when you decide to enroll after 63 days. This penalty is a lifetime penalty for the rest of you life. You are notified from Medicare when you should be enrolled. County employees are notified from the department of Finance as well. Family Medicare is based on the individuals social security numbers. The cost of Medicare part B costs \$134.00 based on your income and you could pay more depending on you family income. Seniors were given a (Cost of Living

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Adjustment)COLA and some senior may pay \$108.00 or \$109.00. Individuals that are enrolled in the part D plan cost at a minimum of \$34.00 and may go up depending on your income. Once your income goes up by means of earning extra income for that year, your premiums will go up. County Executive Robert Astorino has partnered with PROACT a discount prescription plan for Westchester County residents. There are 62,000 pharmacies nationwide accept the card. County residents are given a card with a group number for eligibility. This is a source to supplement if you are under insured and anyone may use the benefits. You could save up to 52% on average. Legislator Shimsky was concerned that the Board of Legislators did not know about this program. PROACT sent mailings to all residents to take advantage of this program, Ms. Owens will follow up to send to seniors in the county. Ms Pici discussed the NYS EPIC program that is eligible to residents. Income level limits were increased beginning at \$75,000.00. This program helps reduce your co pay on prescription drugs. Medicare basic workshops will take place in the fall throughout the county. Chairman Tubiolo discussed the FAIR Act that is pending in Congress. Legislator A. Williams mentioned that Medicare does monthly presentation at local libraries in various municipalities.

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

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## III. RECEIVE & FILE

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator Tubiolo the Committee adjourned at 10:53 am.



BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER,  
STATE OF NEW YORK

INTRODUCED BY:  
TUBIOLO

**Resolution No.     - 2017**

WHEREAS, the prices of prescription drugs have greatly increased during the past several years, causing economic difficulties for many Westchester residents and imperiling their physical health by foregoing important treatment; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug price increases often occur without the manufacturer's justification of the need to increase prices, leaving the public unaware of the reasons for the price increases; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators McCain and Baldwin and Representative Schakowsky have introduced the Fair Accountability and Innovative Research ("FAIR") Drug Pricing Act (S.1131/H.R.2439) which would amend the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to require drug manufacturers to report price increases that are greater than 10 percent over a 12 month period or 25 percent over a 36 month period; and

WHEREAS, the FAIR Drug Pricing Act would also require manufacturers to report, among other things, the marketing and advertising expenditures, profits, research and development costs, and executive compensation, associated with the prescription drugs, with such reports posted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services website within thirty days of submission; and

WHEREAS, the FAIR Drug Pricing Act imposes a \$100,000 penalty for each day that a manufacturer fails to comply with the Act; and

WHEREAS, many Westchester County residents will benefit from increased transparency on prescription drug pricing and enhanced consideration by drug manufacturers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Westchester County Board of Legislators supports the enactment of the FAIR Drug Pricing Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Senators Charles Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand; Representatives Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, and Sean Maloney; Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino; and the Westchester County Board of Health, so that the intent of this Honorable Board be widely known.

August     , 2017  
White Plains, New York

Attachment: RES - FAIR Drug Pricing Act - draft 1 (10382 : Resolution in Support of the FAIR Drug Pricing Act)