



Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

~AGENDA~

Tuesday, October, 17, 2017

10:00 AM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM
2. Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(ID # 10382) Resolution - Resolution in Support of the FAIR Drug Pricing Act: A Resolution in support of a proposed Federal Bill know as the Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act (H.R.2429/S. 1131)

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chariman Tubiolo called the meeting to order at 10:19 AM.

Table with 4 columns: Attendee Name, Title, Status, Arrived. Rows include David J. Tubiolo (Chair, Present), Sheila Marcotte (D10 Legislator, Absent), MaryJane Shimsky (D12 Legislator, Present), Alfreda Williams (D8 Legislator, Present), and Michael Kaplowitz (D4 Legislator, 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

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- 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

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

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ADJOURNMENT

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



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CALL TO ORDER

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)	Absent	
Michael Kaplowitz	D4 Legislator (Chairman of the Board)	Absent	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Yolanda Valencia GUESTS: Kenneth Switzer, Office of Congressman Elliot Engel

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- Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Marcott seconded by Legislator Shimsky the minutes were approved 3- 0.

- Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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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).

RESULT: PENDING

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator Marcott the Committee adjourned at 10:43 am.

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