



Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

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Tuesday, May 15, 2018

10:00 AM

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Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is joint with the Committee on Social Services.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David J. Tubiolo	Chair	Present	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Absent	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Remote	
Lyndon Williams	D13 Legislator	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Absent	

Others In Attendance: CONSUMER PROTECTION: J. Gaccione SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES: J. Pici LAW: D. Chen BOL: Leg. N. Bass, Leg. K. Covill, D. Linhardt, T. Limengo, M. Jackson, M. Clark, Leg. D. Mahon(phone) GUESTS: F. Green, G. Brown, M. Capriolo.

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

2. Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:01 AM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on scams aimed at seniors.

Guests: Gary Brown, Asst. Attorney, Office of the New York State Attorney General

Fredric Green, 2nd Deputy District Attorney

Mae Carpenter, Commissioner, Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Chair Tubiolo stated that at this meeting, the committee will be discussing scams aimed at seniors. Gary Brown from the Office of the NYS Attorney General began the discussion. He explained how scams are operated. They use many methods to get information, including spoofing. The perpetrators can make caller ID say anything they want so that people will believe they are getting calls from a particular agency. Mr. Brown noted that the worst

scam he has seen is the grandchild scam, where they pose as a grandchild and call the grandparents saying they are in trouble and need money and not to tell their parents. Most people are too ashamed of being victimized to report it.

Fred Green of the District Attorney's Office noted that the problem with enforcement was that there are many layers to the scams and it is hard to find who is actually responsible. Also, only 1 in 44 victims report it to the authorities. Senior citizens are particularly vulnerable. Over the last few years, scams have become more sophisticated. For example, instead of wiring money, they now ask people to buy gift cards at a CVS or similar store, where it is less likely to be picked up by employees. Mr. Gaccione said that employee training to spot scams is important.

Mr. Brown noted that in New York there is \$1.5 billion lost to fraud. He recommended not answering the phone if you do not know who it is and have a very strong password. He suggested using an acronym so as not to forget it.

Most of these scams originate in other countries-India, Jamaica, Ukraine, Spain. Ms. Pici from the Dept. of Senior Programs & Services noted that there is a product called call blocker which costs about \$80 and can block entire area codes.

Deputy Director Gaccione of the Department of Consumer Protection said that they get phone calls about scams from seniors everyday. When they see a pattern, they notify the Attorney General's office. They are currently working on a new brochure and they will send it when it is finished. He also noted that employee training to spot scams is very important.

Mr. Brown stated that the Attorney General's office had started a program to try to stop the grandparent scam. They have been going to school to educate 11th & 12th grade students about the scam, so they can bring the information home and tell their parents and grandparents.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the Committee adjourned at 10:55AM.



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Others In Attendance: SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES: M. Carpenter R. Cox EMERGENCY SERVICES: J. Wacha, N. Salley BOL: Leg. K. Covill, Leg. N. Barr, D. Linhardt, G. Deckelmann, M. Jackson GUESTS: T. Milano, C. Harte.

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Deputy Comm. Jennifer Wacha , Dept. of Emergency Services

Nyle Salley, Dept. of Emergency Services (EMS Division)

Chair Tubiolo introduced the topic of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and why they should be in senior centers. Deputy Comm. Wacha of the Department of Emergency Services gave a brief overview of the Countywide Public Access Defibrillator program (PAD). The program was introduced in 2002 in an effort to reduce incidents of death due to sudden cardiac arrest suffered by employees, residents and visitors to county facilities. Presently there are 141 units located at most county buildings, parks, the county airport and in many emergency vehicles such as county police cars and over 1000 people have been trained and certified. She went on to explain the requirements of using AED's.

Leg. Tubiolo noted that at a major senior center in Yonkers there were no AED's. He asked how could the County partner with the city to have AED's there and in other centers in Westchester. Ms. Wacha introduce Nyle Salley who is the EMS program specialist. She noted that they have been contacted by many individuals and provide information to facilitate how they can become approved participants in the program.

Leg. Shimsky asked how much defibrillators cost and Ms. Salley replied about \$1500 for a brand new AED. Ms. Salley noted that CPR training is now incorporated into defibrillator training. Comm. Carpenter noted that they had contacted 16 different nutrition sites to see

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how many of them had defibrillators. None of them have them. She stated that they needed them because many of the people are frail and they need to be prepared.

Leg. Shimsky asked if Emergency Services could put something together with the costs, resources, how it can be used and send it to us so that we could send the information to our senior centers. Leg. Barr noted that there was an incident at a school and an AED device was needed. She said that they were getting to a point where all public facilities should have AED's.

Leg. Tubiolo changed the subject to the recent storms and how to help seniors who are stranded with no heat, hot water, telephone services. Is there anything that EMS can do in that situation? Ms. Wacha stated that one of the department's rules is to coordinate with local jurisdictions and the County. They communicate and push information, networking with important vendors. Leg. Tubiolo then asked about generators and if there were any grants out there available for generators or AED's. Ronnie Cox who works with senior buildings joined the discussion to discuss what happened in the senior buildings during the storms. Leg. Tubiolo asked if there was a list of critical facilities which needed to be checked during this time. Ms. Wacha said the local authorities are in touch with the utilities to identify such locations.

Comm. Carpenter said she would follow up on battery pack generators and private facilities should upgrade their current generators to last for more than one or two days. A discussion followed.

To view this meeting, please go to:

<http://westchestercountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>

1. **(ID # 10732) Resolution – Proposed-FAIR Drug Act:**

Proposed Resolution - FAIR Drug Act

RESULT:	PENDING
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II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 10:50AM.



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Monday, April 23, 2018

10:01 AM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations.

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Others In Attendance: CEO: S. Bass, C. Crane LAW: S. Dolgin-Kmetz BOL: Leg. N. Barr, Leg. K. Covill, Leg. C. Borgia, Leg. C. Parker, Leg. M. Cunzio, Leg. V. Perez, A. Restiano, M. Rae, t. Limengo. S. Parker, M. Richter, G. Casciato, C. Crane, d. Linhardt, GUESTS: Comm. R. Tocci, W. Segal.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 6 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- ACT-2018-48 Act – Proposed Act - Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses in County contracts:**

A proposed ACT to encourage participation of Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts.

Ron Tocci, Director of Veterans Affairs and Chief Deputy Attorney Stacey Dolgin Kmetz began the discussion. They were joined by Will Segel, president of Segel & Company in White Plains. Mr. Segel and his company have been involved in the NYS Disabled- Veterans set aside goal and have been involved with many contracts. This bill would encourage the participation of certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) in county contracts. The Act would require departments and offices of the County to encourage the participation of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in the county contracting process.

New York State has enacted Article 17-B of the Executive Law which is designed, among other things, to provide opportunities for a SDVOB's to participate in state contracts. That

State Executive Order is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Mr. Segel stated that there are approximately 15 certified SDVOB's operating in Westchester County with nearly 450 such businesses statewide. These businesses provide goods and services across a broad spectrum of industries.

Leg. Borgia suggested that we put in a section for reporting annually and amend Section 3 to add, "The Office of Veteran Affairs shall prepare an Annual Report of the County's efforts to encourage participation by Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts. Such Annual Report shall be submitted by June 1st of the next succeeding year to the County Executive and the Board of Legislators."

With a motion by Legislator L. Williams and seconded by Legislator Shinmsky, the item was approved as amended with a vote of 6-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 11:48 AM