



# Families Task Force

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Friday, January, 11, 2019

10:00 AM

**Task Force Co-Chairs:**  
Catherine Borgia & Kathy Halas

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

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## CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Catherine Borgia called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Catherine Borgia	Chair	Present	
Kathy Halas	Co-Chair	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Yolanda Valencia, Committee Coordinator, Lisa Burton, Leg. Aide to Leg. Maher, Caleb Hersh, Leg. Aide to Leg. Borgia Members: Alice J., Open Door; John Befus, WCDSS; Josh Prywes, WCA; Jordana Lorenzo, WCA; Terry Kirchner, WLS; Susan Weisman, WCYB; Kevin McGuire, WCDDSS Commissioner; Frank Williams, WPYB; Barabara Finkelstein, LSHV; Carolyn Flunckingger, FSSY; Sonia Elliot, FSSY; Maria Spenser, FSSY; Cindy Kanusher, PWJC; Linda Vierel, Joanna Straub, Non Profil Westchester; Jackie Agudelo, UCCW; Tea PPsorn, Catholic Charities; Liz Mark, Advocate GUESTS:

## MINUTES APPROVAL

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1). Westchester County Identification Cards-

Legislator Borgia plans to schedule a meeting and recommend to change legislation adding the Library System to be included to be able to sell the WCID cards, further discussion on the promotion with discounts with individual partners may include: Playland, the Arts, and or Retail. Looking into other establishments to apply for the ID Cards like municipalities with a reduction of fees.

#### 2). IPA - Immigrants input-

Follow up on the implementaiton, Legislator Borgia reminded everyone that this is an Actand only covers County Facilities. Commissioner McGuire discussed the aspect on Public Assistance with the Government Shutdown, it was discussed that their is a \$5 billion budget to be issued for monthly benefits that covers SNAP, WIC and the School lunch Program which will cover up to February 2019. The task force discussed any issues that have come before any of the departments, not too many issues have come to their attention but

stresses that if you need help, ask. Iris Rosario mentioned that many lawyers are advising immigrants not to apply for benefits due to the public charge pending. Alice recommended to communicate with the local churches, libraries and Open Door to get the word out. The Department of Corrections has been compliant with the Act, signage with your rights have been posted. NYS Law requires to ask where you were born, NYS will receive a report on who is in jail, Legislators plan to include dialogue to remove this question in the 2019 State Package. Training with Public Safety was completed and helpful.

3). Census Review - Terry Kirschner - Westchester Library System-

Terry Kirschner discussed the Census process and stressed the importance of trust with the community. There is a complete count committee that will take on the process; information sent in this Census will be digital, a post card will be sent and teams will reach out early in 2020 in communities to get the word out. The CE office is reaching out and has formed a committee as well.

4). Priority Discussions for 2019-

Transportation, access and improvements.

Judge Davidson has been working on having 100% access to legal services through Justice for All.

Bail Reform

Trauma informed community- Mental Health

Provide Access for Resilience Committee, video is 57 minutes and would like to take time to meet with the BOL staff for a 2 hour period to discuss

Human Trafficking awareness month

It was discussed and approved to change the time for the next meetings, the task force next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 7 at 10:00 am.

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

## ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force adjourned at 11:25 AM.