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SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 12, 2013
2 Lafayette Street 7th Floor
Janet Sainer Conference room
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Members Present:

Dr. Philip Brickner, Michael Adams (Catherine Thurston), Isabel Ching, Carol Dunn, David Gillcrist, Gladys Joyner, Mary Mayer, Zamira Setaro, Eartha Thompson-Washington, Nancy Wackstein, Rabbi Moshe Wiener, Doris Williams (12)

Members Absent:

Jennifer Jones Austin, Doralina Colón, Claire Hall, Evelyn Laureano, Hattie Lucas, Marcia Stein, Marjorie Tiven, Leonora Vaccaro, Louis Vazquez, Gloria Lind Vanterpool (10)

DFTA Staff Present:

Commissioner Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, Verna Arthur, Michael Bosnick, Bill Chong, Colicia Hercules, Caryn Resnick, Yolanda Rodriguez, Jennine Ventura

PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Lilliam Barrios-Paoli called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Dr. Brickner made a motion for approval of the June 26, 2013 minutes. The motion was passed.

Presentation:**Michael Bosnick, Assistant Commissioner, Planning Division**

Michael Bosnick gave an overview and reviewed specific areas of the 2014-2015 Annual Plan Summary (APS). DFTA is required to publish this document by the New York State Office for the Aging and it is an opportunity for DFTA to share its plans and goals with the larger community. The APS includes a wealth of information concerning older New Yorkers and is available on the DFTA website at www.nyc.gov/aging.

DFTA is required to hold public hearings in each of the five boroughs on the APS. The dates for the public hearings are as follows:

- Brooklyn: Monday, October 21
- Bronx: Tuesday, October 22
- Staten Island: Wednesday, October 23
- Manhattan: Thursday, October 24
- Queens: Friday, October 25

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**Case Management**

- The Commissioner reported that, beginning in December, case management programs with a case load of more than 80 clients per case worker will be receiving additional funding. The Commissioner stated that there should be a uniform definition for case management for DFTA.

NYCHA

- The Commissioner reported that there is an ongoing conversation with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), the Department for Youth and Community Development (DYCD), and DFTA about the possibility of DYCD and DFTA assuming responsibility for some of NYCHA's social services programs. NYCHA's funding for these programs has been depleted and other avenues are being explored in an effort to potentially preserve some of the programs.

NORCs

- DFTA has received more than 40 responses to the RFP for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs). DFTA anticipates funding between 20 and 28 NORC programs.

Innovative Senior Centers

- There will be a new RFP for Innovative Senior Centers. The purpose of this solicitation will be to identify existing neighborhood senior centers in certain Community Districts that have the potential to be expanded and converted into Innovative Senior Centers.

Announcements

- Doris Williams informed members that Grandparents Day is Saturday, September 14.
- Isabel Ching requested a presentation about the STAR Program at her site.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.