

## **BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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### Health & Human Services Committee Public Hearing Report

DATE: February 4, 2025 TIME: 7:00 PM

#### **Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano **Diane** Peruggia Frank Fontaino Jessica Francese Harold Kozak William Marco Dennis McKeon Paul Sanders

**Committee Members Absent** 

Claire Atalla Vincent Bonomi Patricia Conway Carmine Gualtieri

# **Board Members Present**

Vito Gallo

#### Staff

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager Susan LaForgia, Community Coordinator

#### Guests

Natasha Salonia, Community Agency for Senior Citizens (CASC) Keisha Banton, CASC

#### **Public Contact**

None

#### Agenda

Natasha Salonia, the Program Director for Crime Victims Assistance and Elder Abuse Services, and Keisha Banton, the Program Director for the NY Connects program, spoke about the Community Agency for Senior Citizens, its history, mission, and commitment to the community.

#### Their Mission:

- Address the varied needs of adults 60 years of age and older on Staten Island, provide a comprehensive support system of up-to-date information and resources, and assist older adults in leading safe, viable, independent lives in their community.
- Creating and maintaining community-based social, health, and related support service networks for older adults living on SI.
- CASC works individually and with other social service agencies and organizations on and off SI to ensure that information, counseling, and resource options are readily available for all older adults, their families, and caregivers.

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\*Full Presentation on file in the Community Board office

#### **Discussion**

- Where-to-Turn offers discounted theatre tickets to seniors for the local community theater groups. There is a snow shoveling program for seniors. Senior Prom at New Dorp High School will resume in 2026.
- CASC Senior Centers provide many recreational and educational opportunities.
- The Animal Care Center of NYC has resources to assist the elderly with pets and can provide free items to help with financial burdens.

#### Old Business

None

New Business None

Respectfully submitted,

Dim Peruggia

Diane Peruggia, Chairperson