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the Aging**
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SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

2 Lafayette Street 7th Floor

Janet Sainer Conference room

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Members Present:

Michael Adams (by Catherine Thurston), Jennifer Jones Austin (by Kathleen Fitzgibbons), Dr. Philip Brickner, Isabel Ching, Doralina Colón, Gladys Joyner, Hattie Lucas, Mary Mayer, Eartha Thompson-Washington, Gloria Lind Vanterpool, Nancy Wackstein, Rabbi Moshe Wiener, Doris Williams (14)

Members Absent:

Carol Dunn, David Gillcrist, Claire Hall, Evelyn Laureano, Katherine Martinez, Zamira Setaro, Marcia Stein, Marjorie Tiven, Leonora Vaccaro, Louis Vazquez, (10)

DFTA Staff Present:

Commissioner Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, Verna Arthur, Bill Chong, Sasha Fishman, Colicia Hercules, Kim Hernandez, Jon Minners, Caryn Resnick, Yolanda Rodriguez, Jennine Ventura, Linda Whitaker (11)

PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Lilliam Barrios-Paoli called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Dr. Philip Brickner made a motion for approval of the September 12, 2013 minutes. The motion was passed.

Budget

The Commissioner reported that Mayor Bloomberg baselined \$20 million for DFTA's service needs – including funding for senior centers, case management and transportation – in the November 2013 budget plan.

The Department will consult with the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS) and the Law Department on how to proceed from a procurement perspective. The Commissioner also announced that Innovative Senior Center (ISC) awards will be made public by the end of December with contracts to begin on July 1, 2014. Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) awards are being finalized and will be announced in 2014.

Case Management

In August, DFTA commissioned Dr. Manoj Pardasani of Fordham University to undertake a case management case load analysis to determine reasonable case load sizes based on different types of cases. One major focus of the study will be to determine how long it will take to provide the different types of case management services to a population with diverse needs in order to create positive outcomes. Dr. Pardasani has been reviewing surveys completed by DFTA's case management agencies as well as literature on case load size. In addition, Dr. Pardasani has been organizing small focus groups, conducting interviews, and reviewing a small sample of case load records. Results of his analysis will be available by December 31st.

Jackie Berman

Jackie Berman, Director of DFTA's Research Unit, conducted an interactive presentation on the "Age-tastic!" game. Advisory Committee members responded enthusiastically during the demonstration of the game. This board game for senior centers was developed by DFTA and the City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "Age-tastic!" was designed to promote health and wellness among seniors and received funding from the federal Administration on Aging.

Remarks from Advisory Members

Members of the Advisory Council thanked the Commissioner for her work during the past five years at DFTA. They also stated that her passion and leadership skills for seniors must be commended. Members further expressed that they would like to see the Commissioner continue her service at the Department. Members presented the Commissioner with an appreciation card.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.