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Seniors & Aging Services

March 13th, 2024

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Outline

Addressing safety concerns in a neighborhood.

- Residents express concerns about safety in their neighborhood, particularly around cash machines and banks.

Transportation services for seniors with Medicaid.

- Member Linda Duke expresses confusion about Medicaid services and accessibility, while Member Brenda Goodwin shares a negative experience with Medicaid transportation.
- Members discuss challenges with accessing healthcare services, particularly for seniors, and the need for improved communication and accountability within the system.

Healthcare appointments and communication issues.

- Members express frustration with medical appointments, missing six in two weeks due to late arrivals and lack of communication from Access-a-Ride.

Transportation issues and politicians' responsiveness.

- Elderly woman describes issues with transportation service, including missed pickups and late arrivals.

Transportation issues for seniors in NYC.

- Anthony Jordan mentions the Department of Aging's transportation program and the need to address the issue of Century Car service, which is often used by seniors despite being unreliable.
- Members raise concerns about the continued use of Century Car service, citing problems with reliability and accessibility, and suggests inviting the head of the division of overseas assessors to a meeting to address these issues.
- Anthony Jordan highlights the issue of procurement contracts being awarded to low-bidding contractors, despite complaints and concerns from the community.

- Members suggest holding a town hall meeting to address police misconduct and gather testimony from community members.

SSI funding and public involvement.

- Members discuss ways to address concerns about SSI with the public, including holding a meeting and seeking input from those affected.

Senior services and community resources in New York.

- Anthony Jordan updates the committee on the Department of Aging's list of community resources for seniors.
- Planning meeting to invite representatives from banks and senior centers for April meeting.

Bank security and accessibility for seniors and disabled individuals.

- Anthony Jordan emphasizes clear communication for seniors and disabled in meeting regarding bank security and accessibility.
- Mr. Herman Melvin Francis Jr. discusses the importance of laying the groundwork for future vision and taking action now, rather than waiting until later.

Resources for seniors and homelessness prevention.

- Precious Quick discusses Bronx Works' homeless quality of life program.
- Precious Quick and Anthony Jordan discuss services for seniors, including food assistance, eviction prevention, and farmers markets.

Food distribution and communication in a community organization.

- Member Brenda Goodwin expresses frustration with lack of communication about food distribution, specifically the absence of flyers or posters outside the reference room.
- Anthony Jordan acknowledges the publicizing the information through various means, including social media and flyers.
- Anthony Jordan and Member Brenda Goodwin discuss how to improve communication between board members and the community.

Action Items

Send flyers to senior centers about April committee meeting with bank representatives to discuss senior windows/hours

Contact bank managers directly to notify them of April committee meeting

Start generating flyers now about issues to discuss with in April

Invite head of Access-A-Ride division to May committee meeting

Invite Department of Aging representatives to May committee meeting

Get list of senior centers in district from Department of Aging

Bring motion to full board meeting about issues discussed with banks

Report back to full board after April committee meeting with banks about issues discussed

Post flyers in senior centers about May meeting with Department of Aging and Access-A-Ride

Find ADA accessible location for May meeting

Arrange for board members to get produce boxes from Saturday food distribution if needed