



Manhattan Community Board 9

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SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Committee Members

Hon. Reverend Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Chair, **Excused**
Hon. Anthony Fletcher, **Present**; Hon. Martin Wallace, **Present**

Public Members

G. Wanda Capan, **Excused**; Bessie Davis, **Present**; Inez Woodhouse, **Excused**; Cora Gilmore, **Present**;
Ruther Miller, **Present**; Lillian Doctor, **Present**

Other Attendees: Ameenah Muhammad, Lucille Borddie, Lucilee Blackwell; Marion Sutherland, Yvonne L. Hazel, Anne Payne, Ydarian Castillo, Civilian Complaint Review Board Shirley Saxton, SSA, Rev. Shon T. Adkins, Antioch Baptist Church.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, 10027.

Reverend Morgan-Thomas had an emergency and requested Martin Wallace, Senior Issues Committee member to chair the meeting. Martin Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcome everyone.

The Agenda was adopted as it is and minutes were accepted with any necessary corrections to be submitted to the district office.

Presentation:

Medicare Rights Center:

Sarah Murdoch, Senior Policy Analyst gave a presentation regarding proposed and suggested changes to the Medicare Program. The following were segments covered in the presentation:

I. Suggestions to Improve Medicare

- a. Adding dental benefits
- b. Expand coverage for long-term
- c. Vision and hearing care coverage
- d. Maximum Standard cost-sharing
- e. Medicare eligibility notification
- f. Beneficiary Enrollment Notice and Eligibility Simplification Act
- g. Standardize Medicare private plans

II. Proposed Changes

- a. Premium support
- b. Increase age of eligibility
- c. Balance billing

III. Tax Bill

- a. Individual mandate repeal
- b. Risks to Medicare

Please see attached presentation for further information on the subject and if you need help or have any questions, please call **800-333-4114** or email to info@medicarerights.org

New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

Ydaria Castillo stated that CCRB is an independent agency and is empowered to receive, investigate mediate, hear make findings, and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy or the use of offensive language. The agency's investigative staff comprises of civilian employees who conducts investigations in an impartial manner and the agency forward its findings to the police commissioner. The Civilian Complaint Review Board will host a Town Hall "Police-Community Relations in Harlem" on Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at Adam Clayton Powell State Office located at 163 West 125th Street in the Gallery Room, 2nd Floor from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please email to outreach@ccrb.nyc.gov

United State Social Security Administration:

Shirley Saxton stated that when the government is on shutdown, Social Security employees are unable to log in to the computers to access information. Therefore, she encourages seniors to create an online my Social Security accounts to access information such as getting a benefit verification letter, to start or change direct deposit, request a replacement of a Medicare Card etc. She stated too that new Medicare Cards are being issued.

Announcements:

- Free AARP Income Tax Preparation at the George Bruce Library Fridays, February 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the community room on the lower level
- Adult Coloring every Thursday, February 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The library continues to provide adult tech time lab and one -one computer tutoring. Please see check the library calendar at <https://www.nypl.org/locations/george-bruce>

Suggestions:

- Computer training on how to create an online account given by: Shirley Saxton from Social Security Administration.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Note: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th St

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