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SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file
 - A. Members in attendance include Nora Feury, Jeffrey Hunter, Dilletta Pina
 - B. Members absent included: Vicky Owen, Kevin Pellot, Ellen R. Ray, Gwendolyn Steed
- II. Meeting opened at 6:40 PM
 - A. Greeting and Introductions
- III. Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz:
 - A. The Assemblyman opened the meeting with a presentation of recent bills passed in the Assembly that benefit Senior Citizens
 - B. One of the problems Mr. Dinowitz noted was that many seniors do not take advantage of the programs offered to them due to a feeling of shame or guilt in accepting government aid. To bring more information about the many programs, he has been sponsoring forums throughout his district in the Senior Centers in hope of dispelling feelings about people accepting benefits that would greatly improve their quality of life.
 - C. SCRIE was mentioned, being one of the programs that had a recent change that should include more people due to the increase in eligibility for acceptance. There is now a ceiling of \$50,000 annual income for people 62yrs. And older to become eligible for the rent freeze
 - D. The Assemblyman is a member of the Consumer Affairs and he mentioned scams that many seniors are victims of. Con Edison is one where another electric company says they are representing ConEd and want you to have them as your provider. Many seniors agree without knowledge that their service has changed with an exorbitant increase. ESCO is one such company, he says. "Beware of telemarketers"
 - E. He warned of computer ripoffs and of not giving anyone your Social Security Number or your bank account number
 - F. Assemblyman Dinowitz took questions from the members and departed with a warning about all the scam artists who are around waiting to take advantage of your life earnings.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM