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**Senior Citizens Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Virginia Bird, Committee Chairperson

The Senior Citizens Outreach Committee Meeting met on Thursday, March 18, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Virginia Bird, Matthew Martinez, and Rosa Peraza.

The following items was discussed:

- New York City Department for the Aging

The New York City Department for the Aging informed us about the outreach efforts that have been conducted for seniors who are homebound in particularly their vaccination outreach. In order to increase the number of senior who are vaccinated, the City and the Department for the Aging have created an initiative that will allow seniors to be vaccinated at home. The committee was also informed about the Aging Connect, where seniors are connected to a large range of services and resources in their communities that are offered by the Department for the Aging or partnering agencies or organizations. In the past year, the Department for the Aging have received an estimated total of 79,000 calls. The Department for the Aging also informed us about the Bill Payer Program. The Bill Payer Program partners with a financial-technology company to help seniors manage their household bills. A Bill Payer representative will make a one-time visit to their home to help with your budget and enroll you in the program. After that, the program will continue to review and process the payment of your bills each month and inform them of any discrepancies or potential fraud. To be eligible for free Bill Payer Program services, individuals must: be 60 or older, be eligible for case-management services and accept a referral to the program, have a yearly income of \$60,000 or less, have no other help with your bill-paying tasks, have a checking account or be willing to open one and have sufficient funds to cover monthly expenses.

- R.A.I.N.

R.A.I.N. informed us about their Friendly Visiting Program that pairs case management homebound older adults with volunteers for in-home visits. During COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers have been able to connect with the older adults through telephone calls and virtual encounters. Volunteers connect on a weekly basis to talk about shared interests and experiences. All of the program's volunteers are screened and trained.

*Vacant,*  
*City Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> Council District*

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*City Council Member, 17<sup>th</sup> Council District*