

James O'Neal – President Katherine Martinez, Neighborhood SHOPP – Secretary Evelyn Laureano, Neighborhood SHOPP – Treasurer

BRICA Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Monday March 19th, 2018 9:30 AM

PSS Grandparent Family Apartments
951 Prospect Ave Bronx, NY 10459

(9:50 AM)

WELCOME – James O'Neal, BRICA President

- Introductions around the room

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- December 11, 2017 Minutes approved...motion: Katherine Martinez, seconded by Pat Kolb

AGENCY PRESENTATION- Oliver Harwood, Paralegal, Disability Advocacy Project, Public Benefits, New York Legal Assistance Group

- o Oliver is a paralegal in the Disability Advocacy Project, where he provides advice, advocacy, and full representation to those who have been wrongly denied Social Security benefits.
- o He encouraged attendees to contact him if need help for a client particularly regarding termination or overpayment of Social Security Disability (SSD) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI): OHarwood@nylag.org and 212-613-5071
- o Oliver presented some case histories of his clients and there was considerable discussion and Q&A with the meeting attendees, which included two Social Security Administration representatives.
- o Key points
 - A Social Security Administration office typically sees 150 clients a day.
 - Each situation regarding Social Security benefits can vary and how it is handled by Social Security Administration staff can vary by the office and the staff member.
 - In NY, if there is a 10 year difference between the perpetrator and the 65+ year old victim, then the level of crime may be elevated
- o Oliver has provided these materials which will be available to be downloaded from the BRICA website resources page - <http://www.bricanyc.org/category/resources/>
 - PowerPoint slides: "The Financial Eligibility Requirements for SSI Recipients:
 - Word documents
 - SSI/SSD Applications
 - SSA Terminations & Overpayments (English, Spanish, Russian versions)
 - Useful Forms and Regulations
 - SSI Advocacy Offices listed by NYC borough and for Westchester, Rockland, and Hudson Valley residents

OLD BUSINESS

- Professor Flemister is reviewing BRICA Survey Results to be discussed at a future meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- BRICA Forum 2018: Christina Madera, PSS Circle of Care Outreach Coordinator, briefed on behalf of the planning committee plans in progress for an annual conference for professionals and older adults, particularly current or prospective family caregivers
 - o June 19, 9:30 AM to 2 PM at Bronx Borough Hall rotunda, which is a large space that she will check out on March 23 and report to the planning committee
Working title is Caregiver 101
 - o Seeking guest speakers and vendors as table exhibitors

ANNOUNCEMENTS – James O’Neal

- Joselyn Salazar of Lighthouse Guildnet encouraged members to attend and spread the word about Friday, March 23rd free event Wellness Fair in Recognition of Diabetes Alert Day, 10 AM-2 PM at Bronx Museum of the Arts
- James O’Neal: Seeking nominations to serve as Board members

(11:00 AM)

ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting will be on June 19th in conjunction with the conference

Meeting Minutes Recorded and Prepared By: Jim Siegel, PSS