

## CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Health, Insurance and Aging

**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 2017

**PLACE:** Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members of Assembly:

Anthony Brindisi  
Kevin Cahill  
Richard N. Gottfried, Co-chair  
Kimberly Jean-Pierre  
Donna Lupardo  
Andrew Raia

Members of Senate:

Kemp Hannon, Co-Chair  
William Larkin  
Roxanne Persaud  
Gustavo Rivera  
Susan Serino  
David Valesky

### DISCUSSION:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:24 pm.
2. Assemblymember Gottfried announces that table targets have yet to be determined, and that the Assembly will address federal actions when they occur and when needed.
3. Co-Chairs introduce Senators and Assembly members of the subcommittee.
4. Senator Hannon expresses approval of holding the conference subcommittee hearing.
5. Assemblymember Cahill mentions the necessity of the Department of Financial Services' regulation.
6. Senator Valesky highlights the need to address critical access hospitals and to add additional capital funding for health care providers.
7. Assemblywoman Lupardo notes support for Community Services for the Elderly grant program, retirement communities, direct care worker cost of living adjustments, and banking protections for seniors.
8. Senator Larkin makes a brief statement emphasizing the legislature's commitment to addressing the needs of the people of the State of New York.

9. Assemblyman Raia discusses concerns with high cost drugs, capital funding for community-based organizations, maintaining the funding of New York Connects, and additional funding for other programs.
10. Senator Rivera reviews the legislature's commitment to reconvene if necessary due to actions at the federal level, and the Senator expresses concern with funding for public health programs.
11. Senator Serino notes several issues concerning the aging population, including: elder abuse, registry for elder abuse, and community services for the elderly.
12. Senator Hannon discusses an agreement between the Executive proposal and the two One-House budget proposals regarding the addition of e-cigarettes to the Clean Indoor Air Act. He then goes on to highlight some Senate positions including, Medicaid coverage of donor breast milk, the 'Living Donor Act', and addressing water contamination in New York State.
13. The Conference Committee concludes its work at 6:44pm. The next meeting will be convened at the call of the Chairs.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Kristin Zielinski, PCS