

**New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse
News & Information
Late January 2008 Bulletin**

I. Public Hearing Update

Assembly Standing Committee on Aging

Chair: Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

Assembly Standing Committee on Judiciary

Chair: Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein

Topic: Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation

A **special thank you** to all who participated – the public hearing in Rochester was a **great success**. Over **75 people attended**, with 27 signed up to speak. Others, who were not able to attend, are submitting written testimony. All testimony **will be reviewed** by members of the **Aging and Judiciary Committees**.

Many **areas of the state were represented** including: Western NY, the Southern Tier, the Finger Lakes area, Central NY. Based on the testimony, **financial exploitation & power of attorney reform** were issues of immediate concern for most.

Next hearing will be in New York City on February 7

- Let's make sure the hearing room is **filled to capacity**.
- If you are in the NYC area, **please make every effort to attend** this hearing.
- If you know someone in the NYC area, **please make sure they know** about the hearing
- Even if you do not plan to testify, you will find the **discussion very interesting** and your **presence will show support for the important issues** being raised by others.

Don't miss this great opportunity to educate policy makers – They want to hear from YOU!

You all have knowledge, experience & ideas.
Please use this opportunity to share that valuable information.

New York City Public Hearing:

Date: Thursday, **February 7, 2008** beginning at 10 am

Location: Assembly Hearing Room, Room 1923, 19th Floor, 250 Broadway, New York, NY

Registration: Please **send reply form by Tuesday, Feb. 5** if you plan to attend.

Hearing notice and reply form available at: <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/Aging/20071226/>

Questions: Please contact **Jennifer Best**, bestj@assembly.state.ny.us or (518) 455-4371.

II. Training & Conferences – Seeking Proposals

What: Call for Submissions – NAPSA is seeking proposals for the 2008 Conference

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2008

Event: 19th Annual National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Conference; conference will be held in Chicago on Aug. 26 – 29, 2008

Theme: *APS: Advocating, Protecting and Serving Vulnerable Adults*

Information: Proposal information & presenter submission form available at:
<http://www.apsnetwork.org/Training/conference.htm>

Proposals will be evaluated and selected based on their relevance to the conference theme and topic emphasis. Consideration will be given to presentations that emphasize innovative APS programs, highlight interdisciplinary models, encourage audience interaction and showcase effective training programs.

Questions: Please contact **Anne Kincaid**, Anne.Kincaid@apsnetwork.org or (720) 565-0906.

What: Call for Presentations – 2nd Annual GMHA Conference 2008

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2008

Event: 2nd Annual Geriatric Mental Health Conference, hosted by the Geriatric Mental Health Alliance of New York; conference will be held in NYC on Thursday, May 22, 2008

Theme: *Bridges To Better Mental Health: Merging Research & Practice for Improved Integration of Services to Older Adults*

Information: Proposal information & presenter submission form available at:
<http://www.mhaofnyc.org/yusyyn/CFPGeriatricMHConf.pdf>

The Planning Committee is looking for presentations on evidence-based and other state of the art practices, promising practices, and innovative service models. They are seeking proposals on any relative topic that will address meeting the mental health needs of older adults.

Questions: Please contact **Jackie Negri**, Jackie@nycap.rr.com or (518) 436-8712.

Coalition News Bulletins are sent to interested parties throughout the state. Please feel free to share it with others or contact us if you know of someone who would like to be added to the list. If you have questions or comments about the NYS Coalition on Elder Abuse or the News & Information Bulletin, or have topic suggestions for future publications, please contact:

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